

Report of:	Meeting	Date
Councillor Roger Berry, Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder and Mark Broadhurst, Service Director Health and Wellbeing	Cabinet	28 November 2018

Variation to the Wyre Hackney Carriage Tariff

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To consider the recommendation from the Licensing Committee to revise the Hackney Carriage Table of Fares.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 To agree to amend the table of fares for Wyre licensed Hackney Carriages, in accordance with the recommendation of the Licensing Committee (Minute 31 of the 27 September 2018).

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the revised table of fares be approved and implemented from 21 December 2018, subject to the proper consideration of any responses to the public notice.
- 3.2 That the Senior Licensing Officer advertise the variation in accordance with section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976 (**Appendix 1**).

4. Background

- 4.1 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows district councils to fix the maximum rates of fares for hackney carriage journeys (but not for private hire vehicles which are determined by market forces). No time period however is set for the review of such fares.
- 4.2 The last variation to increase the tariff was implemented on 20 April 2011. A copy of the current table of fares for Wyre is attached at **Appendix 2**.

- 4.3** The provision of taxis is an integral part of the transport infrastructure and is particularly influential in the transportation of individuals late at night when bus services have ceased. The provision of affordable taxis assist in community safety by ensuring people are removed from town centres safely and help to reduce the incidence of drink driving.
- 4.4** Hackney carriages are a vital form of transport for the disabled who may have difficulties accessing other forms of public transport. It is important therefore that fares are maintained at a level which will hopefully encourage investment in low emission vehicles which comply with the Disability Discrimination Act, and yet remain affordable to disabled people.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** On 19 July 2018 the recently reformed Wyre Hackney Carriage Association, submitted a proposal to vary the Tariff for Hackney Carriage journeys in the Borough and vary the starting times for Tariff 2.
- 5.2** The Licensing Committee considered the proposals on 27 September 2018 and agreed to recommend the following variations to the Table of Fares.
- 1) To change the start time of Tariff 2 from 11:00pm to 10:00pm for hiring's on Monday to Thursday inclusive.
 - 2) To change the start time of Tariff 2 from 10:00pm to 8:00pm for hiring's on a Friday.
 - 3) Amend the Tariff 1 base yardage from 505yds to 490yds (461.77m to 448.06m) and decrease the flag fall yardage from 210yds to 190yds (192.02 to 132.59m).
 - 4) Amend the Tariff 2 base yardage from 400yds to 390yds (365.76m to 356.62m) and decrease the flag fall yardage from 160yds to 150yds (146.30 to 137.16m).

NB: the metric conversions to metres are approximate.

- 5.3** Benchmarking comparisons for Hackney fares are usually expressed as a two mile journey on Tariff 1.

Blackpool is £5.80 (increased in 2018)

Lancaster £5.60 (increased in 2017)

Fylde is £6.10 (increased in 2018)

Preston is £6.00 (increased in 2017)

The recommendation will increase Wyre's fare from £5.60 to £5.80.

- 5.4** The Council must give at least fourteen days' notice of its intention to vary the Hackney Tariff.

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	There are no direct financial implications for the council in setting the fares for hackney carriages aside from the statutory advertising cost of £547.20 excluding VAT, which will be met from within existing budgets.
Legal	The power to set the maximum fares for hackney carriages is contained in section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with an x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	✓
equality and diversity	✓
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
ICT	x

Processing Personal Data

If the decision(s) recommended in this report will result in personal data being processed, a privacy impact assessment (PIA) will have been completed and signed off by the council's Data Protection Officer before the decision is taken (as required by the General Data Protection Regulations 2018).

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
Licensing Committee-Item 5	27 Sept 2018	Licensing Office

List of appendices

Appendix 1 – Public Notice
Appendix 2 - Current Hackney Carriage Tariff

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WYRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

VARIATION IN HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Wyre Borough Council, in pursuance of the powers contained in Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, intends to vary the table of maximum fares in respect of hackney carriages licensed by the Council as follows:

a) Mileage

Tariff 1:

£2.60 for the first 490 yards (448.06 metres approx.) or uncompleted part thereof.
20p for each subsequent 190 yards (132.59 metres approx.) or uncompleted part thereof.

Tariff 2:

£2.70 for the first 390 yards (356.62 metres approx.) or uncompleted part thereof.
20p for each subsequent 150 yards (137.16 metres approx.) or uncompleted part thereof.

NB: **Tariff 2** applies for hiring's on Monday to Thursday between 22:00 hrs and 07:00 hrs and on Friday from 20:00 hrs.

All day on Saturday and Sunday and up to 07:00 hrs on Monday morning.

All day on any Statutory Holiday or Bank Holiday.

Any hiring between 18:00 hrs and Midnight on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

b) Christmas and New Year

A £3.00 surcharge per hiring commenced between 18:00 hrs on 24 December to 07:00 hrs on 27th December **and** between 18:00 hrs on 31 December to 07:00 hrs on 2 January.

c) Fuel Surcharge

If the cost of diesel reaches £1.60 per litre or higher, based on prices at Morrison's Fuel Station, Amounderness Way, Cleveleys, then a 20p surcharge is allowed per journey. This surcharge is also allowed if the vehicle is powered by an alternative fuel at that time.

A copy of this notice is available for inspection at all reasonable hours at the Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton le Fylde and on the Council's website at www.wyre.gov.uk/taxi

Any objection to these proposals must be made in writing to by no later than noon on Monday 17 December 2018. If no objections are received, the proposed variation will be effective from Friday 21 December 2018.

Mark Broadhurst, Service Director, Health and Wellbeing
Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton le Fylde, FY6 7PU

Dated: 30 November 2018

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976, SECTION 65

Scale of maximum charges fixed by the Wyre Borough Council with respect to Hackney Carriages in the Borough and to operate from: **20th April 2011.**

NOTE: Tariff 2 applies to hiring's on Monday to Thursday inclusive between the hours of 11:00pm to 7:00am and from 10:00pm on Friday, all day on Saturdays and Sundays up to 7:00am on Monday morning. All day on Statutory Holidays and Bank Holidays and to apply to hiring's between 6:00pm and midnight on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Tariff 1 applies at all other times.

(a) Mileage

Tariff 1: £2.60 for the first 505 yards (461.77 metres approx.) or uncompleted part thereof.
20p for each subsequent 210 yards (192.02 metres approx.) or uncompleted part thereof.

Tariff 2: £2.70 for the first 400 yards (365.76 metres approx.) or uncompleted part thereof.
20p for each subsequent 160 yards (146.30 metres approx.) or uncompleted part thereof.

(b) Waiting Time

For each period of seconds or uncompleted part thereof: 20p per	<u>Tariff 1</u>	<u>Tariff 2</u>
	60 seconds	50 Seconds

(c) Extra Charges

For each article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage or for each perambulator carried.	£ 0.20	£ 0.20
For each passenger in excess of one (two children between the ages of 3 years and 12 years to be counted as one). Younger children not to be reckoned.	£ 0.20	£ 0.20
For each dog carried. (No charge for guide dogs or hearing dogs)	£ 0.20	£ 0.20
An extra between the hours of 2:00am to 6:00am	-----	£ 0.60
Surcharge per hiring commenced between 6:00pm on 24 th December to 7:00am on 27 th December and between 6:00pm On 31 st December to 7:00am on 2 nd January.	£ 3.00	£ 3.00
Cleaning charge arising from the withdrawal of a vehicle owing to passenger abuse.	£ 50.00	£ 50.00

(d) Fuel Surcharge

If the cost of diesel reaches £1.60 or higher based on prices at Morrison's Fuel Station, Amounderness Way, Cleveleys, then a 20p surcharge is allowed per journey. This surcharge is also allowed if the vehicle is powered by a fuel alternative to diesel at that time.