

**To: Chairman and Members of the Taxi and General Licensing Committee**

**Councillors Jenns, D Clews, Farrow, Hancocks, M Humphreys, Jordan, Macdonald, McLauchlan, Moss, Osborne, Parker, O Phillips, Rose, S Smith and A Wright**

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## **TAXI AND GENERAL LICENSING COMMITTEE AGENDA**

**24 JUNE 2022**

The Taxi and General Licensing Committee will meet on Friday 24 June 2022 at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber at The Council House, South Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire.

The meeting can also be viewed on the Council's YouTube channel at [NorthWarks - YouTube](#).

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Evacuation Procedure.**
- 2 Apologies for Absence / Members away on official Council business.**
- 3 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests.**

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION

4. **Table of Fares** – Report of the Chief Executive

To consider a request by the licensed taxi trade to increase the fares payable for journeys in hackney carriage vehicles.

The Contact Officers for this report are Clive Tobin (719251) and Sharon Gallagher (719292).

STEVE MAXEY  
Chief Executive

**Agenda Item No 4**

**Taxi & General Licensing  
Committee**

**24 June 2022**

**Report of the  
Chief Executive**

**Local Government (Miscellaneous  
Provisions) Act 1976 – Fixing of  
Fares – Hackney Carriages**

**1 Summary**

- 1.1 The report asks the Committee to consider a request from the taxi trade for an increase in fares.

**Recommendation to the Committee**

- a That the Committee allow an increase in Hackney Carriage fares as set out in the proposed table of fares contained in this report;**
- b That if objections to any agreed increase are received within the statutory period and not withdrawn, those objections are considered by a Sub-committee of this committee.**

**2 Consultation**

- 2.1 Councillors Jenns (Chairman) and Farrow (Spokesperson) have been sent an advanced copy of this report for comment. Any comments received will be reported verbally at the meeting.

**3 Report**

- 3.1 Requests have been made by the local taxi trade to be allowed to increase fares (Appendix A). Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows the Council to fix the rates or fares within the district as well as all other charges in connection with the hire of a hackney Carriage by means of a table known as a 'table of fares'. It has been five years since the last fare increase.

3.2 The following is the current table of fares:

<b>FARES FOR DISTANCE OR TIME</b>	<b>DAYTIME RATE</b>	<b>NIGHT TIME RATE</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS &amp; NEW YEAR RATE</b>
	6am to 12 Midnight	12 Midnight to 6am and all day Sunday and bank Holiday	From 6pm on 24th December to 6am on 27th December and from 6 pm on 31st December to 6am on 2nd January
To hire this taxi for the first quarter mile	£2.60	£3.90	Double day rate
For the first mile	£4.10	£6.15	Double day rate
For each mile after	£2.00	£3.00	Double day rate
Waiting time per 1 minute	30p	45p	Double day rate
<b>PRICE GUIDE</b>			
1 Mile	£4.10	£6.15	£8.20
2 miles	£6.10	£9.15	£12.20
3 Miles	£8.10	£12.15	£16.20
5 miles	£12.10	£18.15	£24.20
10 miles	£22.10	£33.15	£44.20
Soiling Charge	£30.00	£30.00	£60.00

3.3 The following is the proposed table of fares:

<b>FARES FOR DISTANCE OR TIME</b>	<b>DAYTIME RATE</b>	<b>NIGHT TIME RATE</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS &amp; NEW YEAR RATE</b>
	6AM TO 12 midnight	12 midnight 6am and all day Sunday and Bank Holiday rate	From 6pm On 24 <sup>th</sup> December to 6am on 27 <sup>th</sup> December and from 6pm on 31 <sup>st</sup> December to 6am on 2 <sup>nd</sup> January
TO HIRE THIS TAXI FOR THE FIRST QUARTER MILE	£2.90	£4.35	DOUBLE
FOR THE FIRST MILE	£4.60	£6.90	DOUBLE
FOR EACH MILE AFTER	£2.20	£3.30	DOUBLE
WAITING TIME PER 1 MINUTE	40p	60p	DOUBLE
<b>PRICE GUIDE</b>			
1 MILE	£4.60	£6.90	£9.20
2 MILES	£6.80	£10.20	£13.60
3 MILES	£9.00	£13.50	£18.00
5 MILES	£13.40	£20.10	£26.80
10 MILES	£24.40	£36.60	£48.80
SOILING CHARGE	£30.00	£30.00	£60.00

3.4 Should the Committee agree to the proposed increase or any other increase, a notice must be published in a local paper and made available at the Council offices stating the proposed variation of fares. This notice must specify a date, at least fourteen days after the date the notice is published for objections to be made. That date is the date on which, if no objections are received, the revised fares will come into force. If Committee agree to increase the fares it is intended to publish notice of the increase on Thursday 30 June allowing objections to be made up to and including 14 July. A draft of this notice is attached as Appendix B.

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3.5 If objections are made then the Council must consider those objections (although it is not obliged to vary the proposed fares when doing so). The Council must then set a further date, which is no later than two months after the first date specified for objections, when the new fares will come into force (with or without further variation). If the notice is published on 30 June and objections allowed until 14 July, the latest date that any revised fares could come into effect would therefore be 14 October. If objections are received, a further meeting of the Committee will be arranged as soon as possible to consider them.

3.6 The Committee are asked to consider the request from the taxi owners which, amongst other factors, refers to the impact of the recent increases in fuel costs.

#### **4 Report Implications**

##### **4.1 Finance and Value for Money Implications**

4.1.1 There are no finance or value for money implications in the report.

##### **4.2 Safer Communities Implications**

4.2.1 A well regulated taxi service is important in providing safe transport for many vulnerable people. If it is not possible to make a reasonable living it is unlikely that suitable people will be attracted to taxi driving.

##### **4.3 Legal and Human Rights Implications**

4.3.1 The body of the report sets out the statutory procedure which must be followed when deciding whether or not to vary the fares concerned. When deciding whether or not to do so, the Committee must consider the competing impacts of the recent increase in fuel prices on the hackney carriage trade and the effect that any increase may have on fare paying customers, together with any other material factors.

##### **4.4 Environment, Climate Change and Health Implications**

4.4.1 There are no adverse environmental implications in the report.

**4.5 Health, Wellbeing and Leisure Implications**

4.5.1 A well regulated taxi service will allow more people to access health and leisure opportunities which will increase general wellbeing.

**4.6 Human Resources Implications**

4.6.1 There are no human resource implications contained in the report.

**4.7 Risk Management Implications**

4.7.1 There are no risk management implications contained in the report.

**4.8 Equalities Implications**

4.8.1 There are no significant impacts for any group having protected characteristics.

**4.9 Links to Council's Priorities**

4.9.1 Supporting employment and business  
Promoting sustainable and vibrant communities  
Improving leisure and wellbeing opportunities

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**Background Papers**

Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D, as substituted by the Local Government Act, 2000 Section 97

Background Paper No	Author	Nature of Background Paper	Date

**TRIPLE A TAXIS  
OF  
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Date: 09/11/2021

FAO Mr David Dyde

Dear Sir

As you may be aware it has been over three years since our last fare increase.

I have spoken to most of the owner drivers of my company Triple A Taxis & Atherstone Taxis, and they are in agreement that a fare increase is overdue.

We would like to propose a meter rate rise of .20 pence on the start price from £2.60 to £2.80 & .10 pence extra per mile for day rate.

Also Night rate to increase by 50% of the new day rate. Christmas and New Year rates to be double of the new day rate.

We would also like to increase the waiting time by .10 pence per minute on day rate & .15 pence for midnight till 6am. Christmas and New Year rates for waiting time to be increased by 50% of the new waiting time prices.

I hope this will meet with your approval.

Yours faithfully.

PC Wagstaff  
Director

Hi Maggs

Please find attached amended rate table

I would like to increase the fare rise that was proposed. This is because of the Sharpe rise in fuel prices over the last few weeks.

The extra increase is an add 10p on the start price and add 10p every mile on what was proposed.

So the new prices (daytime rate) would be £2.90 start price and add 10p to each mile. That would make the first mile £4.60. Then £2.20 every mile after. Waiting time remains at .40p a minute.

After midnight till 6am would increase by 50% of the new day rate. To £6.90 for the first mile then after £3.30 each mile after that. Waiting time remains at .60p a minute.

Christmas & new year will increase to double the new day time rate.

Kind regards

Phil

Triple A Taxis



**TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACTS 1847 AND 1889  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)  
ACT, 1976**

**Notice is hereby given that North Warwickshire Borough Council has, by resolution of its Taxi and General Licensing Committee meeting on 18 July 2022 varied its TABLE OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES as of 4 August 2022**

**FARES FOR DISTANCE**

<b>FARES FOR DISTANCE OR TIME</b>	<b>DAYTIME RATE</b>	<b>NIGHT TIME RATE</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS &amp; NEW YEAR RATE</b>
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<b>SOILING CHARGE</b>	<b>£30.00</b>	<b>£30.00</b>	<b>£60.00</b>

**Anyone wishing to object to the proposed table of fares should write to Licensing, Environmental Health, The Council House, South Street, Atherstone, Warwickshire, CV9 1DE or e-mail [licensing@NorthWarks.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@NorthWarks.gov.uk) before 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

If no objections are received by 14<sup>th</sup> July or any objections made before that date are withdrawn, the new fares will come into effect on 14<sup>th</sup> July or the date on which the last objection is withdrawn, whichever is the later date. If objections are received the Council will consider them and set a new date for the table of fares to come into effect, with or without modification, which must be no later than 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022.