

# Supplementary Agenda



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<b>Meeting name</b>	<b>Meeting of the Licensing Committee</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Thursday, 17 June 2021</b>
<b>Start time</b>	<b>6.30 pm</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Parkside, Station Approach, Burton Street, Melton Mowbray, Leics, LE13 1GH</b>
<b>Other information</b>	<b>This meeting is open to the public</b>

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5.	<p><b>TAXI FARE REVIEW</b></p> <p>This report presents a request made by one Hackney Carriage driver and supported by a further 9 drivers within Melton to an increase in the tariff charges. Following the prescribed process, a 14-day consultation period took place which attracted responses from 4 drivers and no members of the public.</p> <p><b>These papers are an addendum to the report.</b></p>	243 - 246

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## Briefing Paper for the Licensing Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021

After Committee papers were circulated on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021, a late representation was received from the trade. The representation raises concerns regarding the methodology used in calculating the fare increase which was at Appendix 4 of the Committee papers which had not previously been released.

It noted that:

- The fuel priced was too low £0.90, it is currently around £1.30 per litre.
- It was based on an engine capacity of 2000-2200cc whereas more vehicles in the fleet are 1400-2000cc
- It has identified that the dead miles were too low at 10,000, where 13,000 miles is more accurate

A revised Appendix 4 shows the original proposal and two variations reflecting the information above, which calculates the rate per mile at **£2.00**. It has been confirmed that this is a new proposal

 Melton Borough Council		<b>HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES (Proposed from )</b>		
<b>THESE ARE THE MAXIMUM FARES THAT CAN BE CHARGED WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF MELTON</b>				
		Current	Proposed	Revised Proposal
<b>Daytime Rate (7am to 11pm) for up to 4 passengers</b>		<b>TARIFF 1</b>		
For the first 1/3 mile		£2.50	£3.00	£3.00
For each mile thereafter		£1.60	£1.80	<b>£2.00</b>
Waiting rate		£15.00 / hr	£20.00 / hr	£20.00 / hr
<b>Night-time Rate (11pm to 7am) for up to 4 passengers</b>		<b>TARIFF 2</b>		
For the first 1/3 mile		£3.00	£3.50	£3.70
For each mile thereafter		£2.00	£2.00	£2.50
Waiting rate		£20.00 / hr	£25.00 / hr	£25.00 / hr
<b>a) Christmas Eve &amp; New Years Eve Rate for up to 4 passengers</b>		<b>TARIFF 3</b>		
<b>b) Daytime Rate (7am to 11pm) for more than 4 passengers</b>				
For the first 1/3 mile		£4.00	£4.00	£4.50
For each mile thereafter		£2.40	£2.50	£3.00
Waiting rate		£15.00 / hr	£25.00 / hr	£25.00 / hr
<b>a) Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day; Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday; Early May Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday, Summer Bank Holiday Rate for up to 4 passengers</b>		<b>TARIFF 4</b>		
<b>b) Night-time Rate (11pm to 7am) for more than 4 passengers</b>				
For the first 1/3 mile		£5.00	£5.00	£6.00
For each mile thereafter		£3.20	£3.20	£4.00
Waiting rate		£30.00 / hr	£40.00 / hr	£40.00 / hr
<b>Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day; Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Easter Monday; Early May Bank Holiday, Spring Bank Holiday, Summer Bank Holiday Rate for MORE than 4 passengers</b>		<b>TARIFF 5 (NEW)</b>		
For the first 1/3 mile	<b>NEW</b>	N/A	£7.00	£9.00
For each mile thereafter	<b>NEW</b>	N/A	£3.20	£6.00
Waiting rate	<b>NEW</b>	N/A	£40.00 / hr	£40.00 / hr
<b>EXTRA CHARGES</b>				
For each animal		No change	£1.00	£1.00
Assistance Dogs		No change	<b>FREE</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>MAXIMUM SOILING CHARGE</b>		No change	<b>£100.00</b>	<b>£100.00</b>

The bullet points are relevant to assist a driver to being able to earn a 'living wage' - drivers would still need to work a mix of days and Friday and Saturday night after 11pm to achieve this.

It must be noted that if these fares are adopted that drivers are reminded that these are the maximum that can be charged and if they think, as individuals, that they are too high that they can of course offer a discount off the metered fare.

### **Other Considerations**

Taxi meters will have to be recalibrated for any increase and some vehicles may require a new meter if the existing meter cannot be updated. There is a charge to the drivers to enable this.

If Committee were to approve the original proposal at this stage and subsequently another request was received to review the fares further, there would be a second recalibration fee.

The driver who originally proposed this current fare review has been advised of the comments received and does not disagree.

### **Options for Committee**

1. Reject the revised proposal (as it was received after the consultation period ended) and consider the report and recommendation as set out in Appendix 5
2. Accept that this is a valid alternative proposal, and that Committee approve a further consultation based on the new proposed fee amounts, and therefore agree in principle that the fare table be varied AND that authority is delegated to the Regulatory Service Manager, in consultation with the chair of licensing to resolve any objections received and to decide to implement the new fee table.

Victoria Clarke  
Regulatory Services Manager

		2021 Advertised Proposal based on a 2-2.2cc diesel car, fuel at 90p/litre	Revised Propsal based on fuel at £1.30/litre	Revised Propsal based on fuel at £1.30/litre, but vehicle 1.4-2cc
A	living wage (40 hr week)	£18,532.80	£18,532.80	£18,532.80
B	running cost per mile	£0.57	£0.71	£0.51
C	Additional cost of Hire and Reward insurance	£800.00	£800.00	£800.00
D	Hackney Licence + Driver licence/ year	£189.33	£189.33	£189.33
E	New Meter if required	£270.00	£270.00	£270.00
F	annual mileage	30000	30000	30000
G	dead mileage	10000	13000	13000
	Annual salary	£18,532.80	£18,532.80	£18,532.80
B X F	Annual running cost	£17,100.00	£21,300.00	£15,300.00
1+2+D+E	Total running cost	£36,092.13	£40,292.13	£34,292.13
3/(F-G)	Cost per mile	£1.80	£2.37	£2.02

Based on a 2 - 2.2 cc diesel car. The original figure quoted was based on fuel at 90 pence per litre. this is the amended figure from the table provided.

Includes things such as: cost of fuel, tax, wear and tear, service and maintenance

These figures are updated from 2014 to reflect the change in nature of the

work these days where we have more dead miles than 7 years ago.

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