

Justification of fare review

Please see below my justification why I believe the Hackney taxi drivers are due a fare increase in Melton.

- The cost of living has gone up.
- The national wage has gone up.
- The car insurance have gone up and now you have to pay tax on the insurance you take.
- All the main dealer garages like Ford, Vauxhall, Volkswagen are roughly £120 per hour. Little garages from £50 upwards plus VAT, but you mostly have to go to main dealer if your car is still on warranty.
- Service, repairs and tyres have all gone up since 2014.
- In the new proposed fares and changes to the daytime and nighttime hours. This is because during the evening there are not enough drivers operating and it is hoped that the earlier night time tariff will encourage more drivers to do so as it will be more appealing.
- I've checked the listing for Melton Borough Council on the PHTM website just to see where the other boroughs come and Melton are 305th out of 363. The listing is for a 2 mile taxi ride on tariff one. <https://www.phtm.co.uk/taxi-fares-league-tables/2021-01>