

Bath & North East Somerset Council

DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Paul Crosley, Cabinet Member for Community Services	
DECISION DATE:	On or after 24 th February 2020	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 3196
TITLE:	REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF RATES	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: Appendix A – Table of Existing Hackney Carriage Tariff Rates Appendix B = Table of Proposed Hackney Carriage Tariff Rates		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 To review the hackney carriage tariff rates charged within the Bath and North East Somerset area for time and distance

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Cabinet member for Neighbourhoods is asked to approve the following increases in the hackney carriage tariff rates subject to the required public consultation process and any objections subsequently received.
- 2.2 An increase of 2.9% on the current fares.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 Although there is no statutory duty to do so, Bath & North East Somerset Council periodically reviews the maximum amount of fares which can legally be charged for journeys carried out within the licensed district otherwise known as the Hackney Carriage tariff.
- 3.2 The Hackney Carriage tariff was last reviewed and increased in April 2018.
- 3.3 In determining the proposed increase in the tariff rate the percentage increase in the cost of owning a vehicle and the percentage increase of wages, provided by the Office for National Statistics, since the last increase have been used. This current calculation was produced from the figures taken from April 2018 to April 2019.

- 3.4 Using this formula, the recommended increase for 2019 would be 2.9%.
- 3.5 A copy of the existing tariff is produced in Appendix A.
- 3.6 A copy of the proposed tariff, including all changes, is produced in Appendix B. The proposed structure is a maximum table of fares; the driver may exercise discretion and charge a lower fare than that shown on the taximeter.
- 3.7 Should this proposal be agreed then the statutory public consultation detailed below will be undertaken.
- 3.8 If any objections from the public are received, they will be presented to the Cabinet Member for consideration.
- 3.9 If no objections are received the Tariff will come into force in Bath & North East Somerset on the date specified in the public notice.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The authority for the Council to set fares for hackney carriages is given under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The implications of the Act are that:-
- (1) When a Council makes or varies a table of fares (which may be by time and/or distance), it must publish, in at least one local newspaper a notice setting out the table of fares, or variations to the table, specifying the period (not less than 14 days) within which, and the manner in which, objections to the table, or variations can be made.
 - (2) A copy of the proposed tariff must be available at the Council's Offices for the public to inspect, free of charge, at reasonable hours.
 - (3) If there are no objections the table, or variation, will come into effect on the expiration date or the period specified in the notice.
- 4.2 If there are objections the Council must consider the objection and then set a further date, within two months after that date first specified, on which the table is to come into force with or without modification, as decided.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 5.1 The cost of consultation and, advertising the tariff changes in the local papers, is met within existing service budgets and funded via the hackney carriage licence fee.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

7 CLIMATE CHANGE

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 is prescriptive and does not take account of the climate change agenda at this time. We look

forward to changes in legislation which will allow the Council to take this into consideration in the future. In the meantime, individual applicants are encouraged to consider climate change issues in the operation of their businesses (if applicable).

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 None

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 Letters were sent to all of the hackney carriage proprietors in both zones 1 and 2 informing them of the proposed percentage increase and requesting comment. No comments were received.

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Background papers	None
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ANNEX A

Bath & North East Somerset Council

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (Section 65).

TABLE OF MAXIMUM HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

Period Applicable	Monday to Saturday (Except Public Holidays) 06:01 hrs to 20:00 hrs	Monday to Saturday (Except Public Holidays) 20:01 hrs to 24:00 hrs Sundays 06:01 hrs to 24:00 hrs	Daily (Except Public Holidays) 00:01 hrs to 06:00 hrs	Public Holidays and Easter Sunday, Xmas Eve, New Year's Eve. (Except New Year's Day, Christmas Day & Boxing Day). 00:01 hrs to 24:00 hrs	New Year's Day Christmas Day & Boxing Day 00:01 hrs to 24:00 hrs
Tariff Rate	1	2	3	4	5
Initial distance 340 yards (approx. 311 meters) or initial time of 1 minute 38 seconds or a combination of both.	£2.80	£3.30	£3.80	£3.90	£5.20
Each additional 160 yards (approx. 146 meters)	£0.20	£0.20	£0.20	£0.30	£0.40
Or each additional minute of waiting time or a combination of both.	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30
Until the fare reaches 5 miles then					
Each additional 131 yards (approx. 120 meters) or each additional.	£0.20	£0.20	£0.20		
Or each additional minute of waiting time or a combination of both.	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30
Additional Charges					
Passengers over initial 2 persons	£0.50	£0.50	£0.50	£0.50	£0.50
Each large item of luggage	£0.20	£0.20	£0.20	£0.20	£0.20

All hackney carriage fares are clock - calendar controlled. All charges shown inclusive of VAT where applicable.

Additional charges

Dogs:	For every dog carried (except assistance dogs) 50p
Children:	For the purpose of charging, two children under the age of 12 shall be regarded as one person, and children under the age of three shall not be reckoned.
Fouling charge:	For each fouling of the interior of the vehicle, e.g. by vomiting, urinating, defecating or spilling food or drink a charge (at the driver's discretion) of up to £100.
Wheelchairs	Free of charge
Credit/Debit Card	10% surcharge, to a maximum of £1.00

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Tariff Rate	1	2	3	4	5
Initial distance 330 yards (approx. 301 meters) or initial time of 1 minute 38 seconds or a combination of both.	£3.00	£3.50	£4.00	£4.20	£5.60
Each additional 155 yards (approx. 141 meters)	£0.20	£0.20	£0.20	£0.30	£0.40
Or each additional minute of waiting time or a combination of both.	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30
Until the fare reaches 5 miles then					
Each additional 127 yards (approx. 116 meters) or each additional.	£0.20	£0.20	£0.20		
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