

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

DECISION MAKER:	Cllr Tim Ball , Cabinet Member for Planning & Licensing	
DECISION DATE:	On or after 17 December 2022	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 3423
TITLE:	REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF RATES	
WARD:	All	
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>		
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> <b>Annex A - Table of Existing Hackney Carriage Tariff Rates.</b> <b>Annex B - Table of Proposed Hackney Carriage Tariff Rates.</b> <b>Annex C - Table of National Hackney Carriage Tariff Rates.</b> <b>Annex D - Comparison of South West Authorities Tariff Rates.</b> <b>Annex E - Informal Consultation Responses.</b>		

### 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 and to consider whether or not a rise in the tariff is appropriate.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Cabinet member for Planning & Licensing is asked to consider the following increases in the hackney carriage tariff rates subject to the required formal 14 day public consultation process and any objections subsequently received.
- 2.2 An increase of 11.7% on the current fares.
- 2.3 To consider whether an 11.7% rise would negatively impact the visitors and public in the area of Bath & North East Somerset when comparing the existing tariff with other Local Authorities in the South West and taking into consideration the informal consultation responses.

### 3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 Although there is no statutory duty to do so, Bath & North East Somerset Council periodically reviews the maximum tariff 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 2020.
- 3.3 The proposed rise is based on a long-standing formula that the Council has used historically to arrive at a fare increase when requested to do so.
- 3.4 The calculation looks at the annual impact of inflation on motoring costs and wages (April to April). Specifically, it takes the annual % increase of Motoring Expenditure RPI and also Average Weekly Earnings RPI, then weighted 50/50, calculates the applied inflationary rate.
- 3.5 Using this methodology, the recommended increase for 2022 would be 11.7%.
- 3.6 Under the current tariff the start rate is £3.00, the cost of a one mile journey is £4.80, the cost of a two mile journey is £7.20 and a five mile journey costs £13.60. (A copy of the existing tariff is produced at Annex A).
- 3.7 Under the proposed tariff the start rate would rise to £3.40, the cost of a one mile journey would be £5.20, the cost of a two mile journey would be £7.60, and a five mile journey would cost £14.20. (A copy of the proposed tariff is produced at Annex B).
- 3.8 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.
- 3.9 A copy of the table of tariff fares permitted by local authorities in the UK is produced monthly by PHTM Monthly a national trade publication and provides a comparison of the majority of permitted maximum Local Authority tariffs for a two mile journey, and the year the tariffs were increased. (A copy of this table is produced at Annex C).
- 3.10 For further comparison a table of permitted maximum tariffs in Local Authorities that border Bath & North East Somerset and other South Western Local Authorities is produced at Annex D.

#### **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. EQUALITIES**

- 7.1 The Council has a public sector equality duty to have due regard to the need to (in summary) eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not. An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) was drafted in July 2022 so that the Council could fulfil this duty and can be viewed here [https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/siteimages/eqia\\_-\\_proposed\\_increase\\_of\\_hackney\\_carriage\\_fares\\_july\\_2022.pdf](https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/siteimages/eqia_-_proposed_increase_of_hackney_carriage_fares_july_2022.pdf)

## **8 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).

## **9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 9.1 To retain the current approved Maximum Table of Hackney Carriage Tariff.

## **10 CONSULTATION**

- 10.1 An informal public consultation to gauge depth of support for this increase was carried out during an eight week period which commenced in July 2022.
- 10.2 The consultation was intended to gauge public feeling on the proposed increase given the current economic pressures faced in the UK.
- 10.3 The consultation provided three options "support", partially support, and do not support. (The results and written responses are produced at Annex E).
- 10.4 A total of 46 responses were received with 26 supporting the proposal, 13 not supporting the proposal and 7 partially supporting the proposal.
- 10.5 18 responses were from taxi drivers who supported the proposal and partially supported the proposal. The drivers who partially supported the proposal did not feel that the proposal was enough. The taxi driver responses were identified by

name and email addresses held on file for persons currently holding a licence to drive Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles with this Licensing Authority.

10.6 Should this proposal be agreed then the required statutory 14 day public consultation will be undertaken.as detailed above under the Statutory Considerations section at section 4 of this report.

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<b>Background papers</b>	None
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## Annex A

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 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		
Or each additional minute of waiting time or a combination of both.	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30
<b>Additional Charges</b>					
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

## Annex B

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

### PROPOSED TABLE OF MAXIMUM HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES DEC 22

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 330 yards (approx. 301 meters) or initial time of 1 minute 38 seconds or a combination of both.	£3.40	£3.90	£4.50	£4.70	£6:30
Each additional 155 yards (approx. 141 meters)	£0.20	£0.20	£0.20	£0.30	£0.50
Or each additional minute of waiting time or a combination of both.	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30
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Or each additional minute of waiting time or a combination of both.	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30	£0.30
<b>Additional Charges</b>					
Passengers over initial 2 persons	£0.60	£0.60	£0.60	£0.60	£0.60
Each large item of luggage	£0.20	£0.20	£0.20	£0.20	£0.20

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# Annex C

## THE NATIONAL HACKNEY FARES TABLE NOVEMBER 2022

NATIONAL AVERAGE TWO MILE HACKNEY FARE TARIFF ONE

**IS NOW £6.82**

RISE IN 2022	RISE IN 2014
RISE IN 2021	RISE IN 2013
RISE IN 2020	RISE IN 2012
RISE IN 2019	RISE IN 2011
RISE IN 2018	RISE IN 2010
RISE IN 2017	RISE IN 2009
RISE IN 2016	RISE IN 2008
RISE IN 2015	NO SET FARE

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### PLEASE NOTE

The new council of **West Northamptonshire** has replaced Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire in our list with a single tariff. The new council of **North Northamptonshire** has replaced Corby, Kettering, Wellingborough and East Northants in our list with a single tariff. Therefore the number of fares we list has reduced from 355 to 350.

POSITION	TARIFF ONE COUNCIL	TWO MILE FARE
1	LONDON (HEATHROW)	£13.20
2	GUILDFORD	£10.00
3	LUTON AIRPORT	£9.70
4	EPSOM & EWELL	£9.60
5	TIL	£9.60
6	SEVENOAKS	£8.70
7	STEVENAGE	£8.70
8	READING	£8.60
9	GREAT YARMOUTH	£8.50
10	EAST SUFFOLK (NORTH)	£8.40
11	MID SUSSEX	£8.40
12	TONBRIDGE & MALLING	£8.40
13	WATFORD	£8.40
14	HUNTINGDONSHIRE	£8.30
15	UTTLESFORD	£8.30
16	BCP	£8.20
17	BROXBORNE	£8.20
18	CARRICK	£8.20
19	EAST HERTS	£8.20
20	HART	£8.20
21	WOKINGHAM	£8.20
22	WORTHING	£8.20
23	FOREST OF DEAN	£8.13
24	BRENTWOOD	£8.10
25	SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE	£8.10

POSITION	TARIFF ONE COUNCIL	TWO MILE FARE
26	VALE OF WHITE HORSE	£8.10
27	BRECKLAND	£8.00
28	COVENTRY	£8.00
29	MAIDSTONE	£8.00
30	NOTTINGHAM	£8.00
31	RIBBLE VALLEY	£8.00
32	RUSHCLIFFE	£8.00
33	STROUD	£8.00
34	TORRIDGE	£8.00
35	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	£8.00
36	WEST BERKSHIRE	£8.00
37	ISLE OF MAN	£7.90
38	RESTORMEL	£7.90
39	BRACKNELL FOREST	£7.80
40	BRIGHTON & HOVE	£7.80
41	PLYMOUTH	£7.80
42	SCARBOROUGH	£7.80
43	SURREY HEATH	£7.80
44	WAVERLEY	£7.80
45	CHELMSFORD	£7.70
46	COLCHESTER	£7.70
47	DACORUM	£7.70
48	GURNSEY	£7.70
49	SWINDON	£7.70
50	WEALDON	£7.70
51	CHELTENHAM	£7.60
52	EAST AYRSHIRE	£7.60
53	BASINGSTOKE & DEANE	£7.60
54	SOUTH SOMERSET	£7.60
55	KERRIER	£7.60
56	MONMOUTHSHIRE	£7.60
57	OXFORD CITY	£7.60
58	RUSHMOOR	£7.60
59	SOUTHAMPTON	£7.60
60	WINCHESTER	£7.60
61	TORBAY	£7.51
62	CARDIFF	£7.50
63	CREWE & NANTWICH	£7.50
64	MILTON KEYNES	£7.50
65	WEST LOTHIAN	£7.50
66	JERSEY	£7.43
67	BIRMINGHAM	£7.40
68	CANTERBURY	£7.40
69	EAST HAMPSHIRE	£7.40
70	EASTLEIGH	£7.40
71	HARROGATE	£7.40
72	LEICESTER	£7.40
73	LEWES	£7.40
74	SOUTH AYRSHIRE	£7.40
75	TEWKESBURY	£7.40
76	WEST OXFORD	£7.40
77	NEW FOREST	£7.35
78	ASHFORD	£7.30
79	CAMBRIDGE CITY	£7.30
80	DARTFORD	£7.30
81	NORTH DEVON	£7.30
82	SHROPSHIRE	£7.30
83	SOUTH CAMBRIDGE	£7.30
84	WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	£7.30
85	TEIGNBRIDGE	£7.26
86	ARUN	£ 7.20
87	BATH & N. E. SOMERSET	£7.20
88	DERBY	£7.20
89	DORSET	£7.20
90	GOSPORT	£7.20

POSITION	TARIFF ONE COUNCIL	TWO MILE FARE
91	NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE	£7.20
92	PORTSMOUTH UA	£7.20
93	REIGATE & BANSTEAD	£7.20
94	SOUTH GLOUCESTER	£7.20
95	ROTHER	£7.20
96	THURROCK	£7.20
97	WEST NORTHANTS	£7.20
98	WEST SUFFOLK	£7.20
99	YORK	£7.20
100	EAST DEVON	£7.15
101	TAMWORTH	£7.14
102	ARGYLL & BUTE	£7.13
103	COTSWOLD	£7.10
104	COUNTY OF HEREFORD	£7.10
105	CRAWLEY	£7.10
106	ISLE OF WIGHT	£7.10
107	MENDIP	£7.10
108	MOLE VALLEY	£7.10
109	OLDHAM	£7.10
110	PENWITH	£7.10
111	RUGBY	£7.10
112	WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD	£7.10
113	RUNNYMEDE	£7.10
114	HARBOROUGH	£7.09
115	BRISTOL	£7.00
116	BROMSGROVE	£7.00
117	EAST LOTHIAN	£7.00
118	EDINBURGH	£7.00
119	GRAVESHAM	£7.00
120	HAMBLETON	£7.00
121	HERTSMERE	£7.00
122	KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK	£7.00
123	MACCLESFIELD	£7.00
124	NEWPORT	£7.00
125	PEMBROKESHIRE	£7.00
126	SLOUGH	£7.00
127	SWANSEA	£7.00
128	WELWYN HATFIELD	£7.00
129	WESTERN ISLES	£7.00
130	WILTSHIRE	£7.00
131	CRAVEN	£6.99
132	SANDWELL	£6.92
133	BURY	£6.90
134	EASTBOURNE	£6.90
135	LEEDS	£6.90
136	WORCESTER CITY	£6.90
137	ADUR	£6.80
138	AMBER VALLEY	£6.80
139	BEDFORD	£6.80
140	BOSTON	£6.80
141	BRIDGEND	£6.80
142	BROXTOWE	£6.80
143	CARMARTHENSHIRE	£6.80
144	CARADON	£6.80
145	CEREDIGION	£6.80
146	EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£6.80
147	EAST LINDSEY	£6.80
148	FIFE	£6.80
149	GLASGOW	£6.80
150	GLOUCESTER	£6.80
151	KINGSTON-UPON-HULL	£6.80
152	MID DEVON	£6.80
153	NORTH CORNWALL	£6.80
154	NORTH KESTEVEN	£6.80
155	NORTH NORTHANTS	£6.80

POSITION	TARIFF ONE	TWO MILE FARE
	COUNCIL	
156	NORTH WARWICK	£6.80
157	SEDGEMOOR	£6.80
158	SOMERSET WEST & TAUNTON	£6.80
159	S. LANARKSHIRE (CAMBUS/R'GLEN)	£6.80
160	SWALE	£6.80
161	TENDRING	£6.80
162	TRAFFORD	£6.80
163	VALE OF GLAMORGAN	£6.80
164	WIRRAL	£6.80
165	WOLVERHAMPTON	£6.80
166	CHARNWOOD	£6.75
167	NUNEATON & BEDWORTH	£6.75
168	MALVERN HILLS	£6.72
169	ANGUS	£6.70
170	BLABY	£6.70
171	BRAINTREE	£6.70
172	CHESTER	£6.70
173	CONGLETON	£6.70
174	FYLDE	£6.70
175	MANCHESTER	£6.70
176	NORTH SOMERSET	£6.70
177	NORTH TYNESIDE	£6.70
178	SHEFFIELD	£6.70
179	SOUTH LAKELAND	£6.70
180	THREE RIVERS	£6.70
181	SOUTH HAMS	£6.66
182	CANNOCK CHASE	£6.60
183	CARLISLE	£6.60
184	CONWY	£6.60
185	DUDLEY	£6.60
186	EDEN	£6.60
187	EXETER	£6.60
188	FAREHAM	£6.60
189	FOLKESTONE & HYTHE	£6.60
190	HARLOW	£6.60
191	HAVANT	£6.60
192	HIGH PEAK	£6.60
193	MEDWAY	£6.60
194	MORAY	£6.60
195	NORTH HERTS	£6.60
196	NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	£6.60
197	NORWICH	£6.60
198	ROCHFORD	£6.60
199	RYEDALES	£6.60
200	SHETLAND ISLES	£6.60
201	SOUTH TYNESIDE	£6.60
202	WAKEFIELD	£6.60
203	IPSWICH	£6.55
204	BASSETLAW	£6.50
205	CALDERDALE	£6.50
206	DOVER	£6.50
207	DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL	£6.50
208	EREWASH	£6.50
209	LIVERPOOL	£6.50
210	LUTON	£6.50
211	ORKNEY	£6.50
212	CHESTERFIELD	£6.45
213	HYNDBURN	£6.42
214	BASILDON	£6.40
215	BLAENAU GWENT	£6.40
216	CASTLE POINT	£6.40
217	DERBYSHIRE DALES	£6.40
218	EAST RENFREW	£6.40
219	HASTINGS	£6.40
220	HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	£6.40

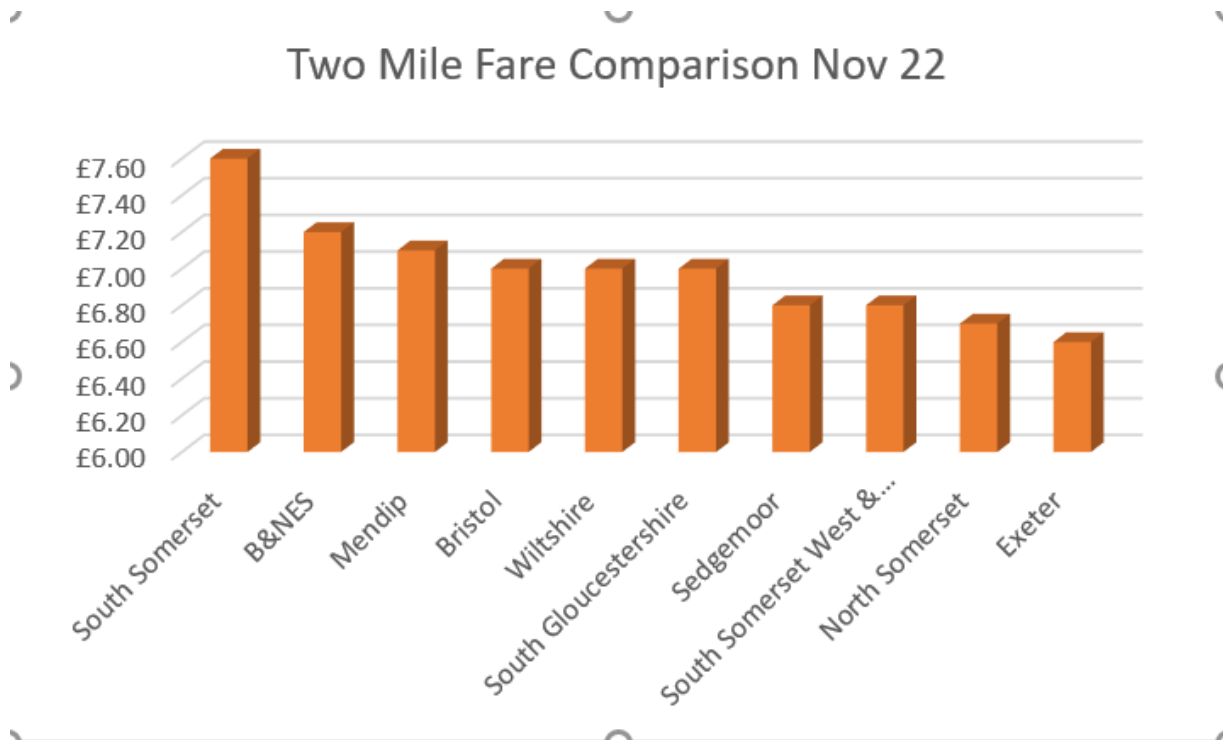
POSITION	TARIFF ONE	TWO MILE FARE
	COUNCIL	
221	LINCOLN	£6.40
222	MELTON	£6.40
223	MID SUFFOLK	£6.40
224	SOUTHEND ON SEA	£6.40
225	TAMESIDE	£6.40
226	WEST LINDSEY	£6.40
227	WOKING	£6.40
228	WYRE	£6.38
229	PERTH & KINROSS	£6.33
230	NEWARK & SHERWOOD	£6.32
231	BLACKBURN	£6.30
232	DARLINGTON	£6.30
233	SOUTH HOLLAND	£6.30
234	SOUTH RIBBLE	£6.30
235	DUNDEE CITY	£6.28
236	BABERGH	£6.26
237	REDDITCH	£6.25
238	MIDLOTHIAN	£6.22
239	THANET	£6.21
240	CHICHESTER	£6.20
241	CHORLEY	£6.20
242	COPELAND	£6.20
243	EAST SUFFOLK (SOUTH)	£6.20
244	FALKIRK	£6.20
245	FENLAND	£6.20
246	HORSHAM	£6.20
247	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	£6.20
248	NORTHUMBERLAND	£6.20
249	SOLIHULL	£6.20
250	SPELTHORNE	£6.20
251	ST ALBANS	£6.20
252	STRATFORD ON AVON	£6.20
253	SUNDERLAND	£6.20
254	WYCHAVON	£6.20
255	RENFREWSHIRE	£6.15
256	WYRE FOREST	£6.14
257	CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE	£6.13
258	ABERDEENSHIRE	£6.10
259	BRADFORD	£6.10
260	CLACKMANNAN	£6.10
261	ELMBRIDGE	£6.10
262	CHERWELL	£6.08
263	SELBY	£6.06
264	SCOTTISH BORDERS	£6.05
265	ABERDEEN CITY	£6.00
266	ALLERDALE	£6.00
267	BLACKPOOL	£6.00
268	BOLTON	£6.00
269	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	£6.00
270	DENBIGHSHIRE	£6.00
271	S. LANARKSHIRE (E. KILBRIDE)	£6.00
272	EAST STAFFORDSHIRE	£6.00
273	GATESHEAD	£6.00
274	GWYNEDD	£6.00
275	KIRKLEES	£6.00
276	KNOWSLEY	£6.00
277	LANCASTER	£6.00
278	NORTH WEST LEICESTER	£6.00
279	PETERBOROUGH	£6.00
280	POWYS	£6.00
281	RICHMONDSHIRE	£6.00
282	PRESTON	£6.00
283	ROTHERHAM	£6.00
284	SALFORD	£6.00
285	STOCKPORT	£6.00

POSITION	TARIFF ONE	TWO MILE FARE
	COUNCIL	
286	TELFORD & WREKIN	£6.00
287	TEST VALLEY	£6.00
288	WARWICK	£6.00
289	WREXHAM	£6.00
290	WARRINGTON	£5.95
291	STAFFORD	£5.90
292	STOKE-ON-TRENT UA	£5.90
293	TANDRIDGE	£5.90
294	VALE ROYAL	£5.90
295	EAST RIDING	£5.85
296	WALSALL	£5.90
297	BARNSELY	£5.80
298	BARROW IN FURNESS	£5.80
299	FLINTSHIRE	£5.80
300	HALTON	£5.80
301	HIGHLAND	£5.80
302	ISLE OF ANGLESEY	£5.80
303	LICHFIELD	£5.80
304	MERTHYR TYDFIL	£5.80
305	NEATH PORT TALBOT	£5.80
306	NORTHERN IRELAND	£5.80
307	NORTH NORFOLK	£5.80
308	RHONDDA CYNON TAFF	£5.80
309	SEFTON	£5.80
310	S. LANARKSHIRE (CLYDESDALE)	£5.80
311	WIGAN	£5.80
312	DONCASTER	£5.75
313	NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE	£5.75
314	CAERPHILLY	£5.70
315	GEDLING	£5.70
316	ST HELENS	£5.70
317	STIRLING	£5.70
318	ASHFIELD	£5.60
319	NORTH LANARKSHIRE	£5.60
320	S. LANARKSHIRE (HAMILTON)	£5.60
321	NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	£5.55
322	INVERCLYDE	£5.54
323	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY	£5.50
324	EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE	£5.50
325	EPPING FOREST	£5.50
326	REDCAR & CLEVELAND	£5.50
327	ROCHDALE	£5.50
328	TORFAEN	£5.50
329	CLYDEBANK	£5.40
330	DUNBARTON & VALE OF LEVEN	£5.40
331	ELLESMERE PORT	£5.40
332	HARTLEPOOL	£5.40
333	MANSFIELD	£5.35
334	NORTH AYRSHIRE	£5.30
335	SOUTH KESTEVEN	£5.30
336	STAFFS MOORLANDS	£5.20
337	WEST LANCASHIRE	£5.20
338	SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE	£5.10
339	STOCKTON ON TEES	£5.10
340	BURNLEY	£5.00
341	ROSSENDALE	£5.00
342	MIDDLESBROUGH	£4.90
343	BOLSOVER	£4.60
344	OADBY & WIGSTON	£4.40
345	PENDLE	£4.40
346	MALDON	£
347	RUTLAND	£
348	SOUTH DERBYSHIRE	£
349	SOUTH NORFOLK	£
350	WEST DEVON	£



## ANNEX D

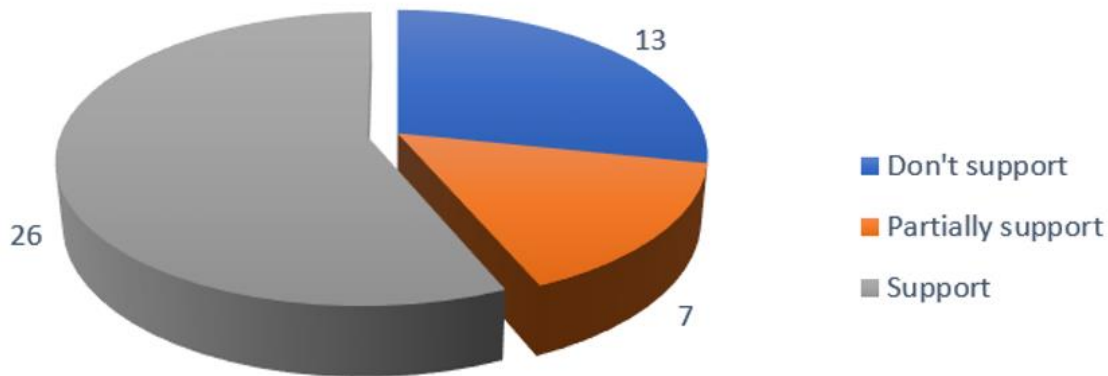
Council	Two Mile Fare	Year of Increase	Two Mile Fare After Proposed 11.7% increase in 2022
South Somerset	£7.60	2022	
B&NES	£7.20	2020	£7.60
Mendip	£7.10	2022	
Bristol	£7.00	2022	
Wiltshire	£7.00	2015	
South Gloucestershire	£7.00	2022	
Sedgemoor	£6.80	2019	
South Somerset West & Taunton	£6.80	2022	
North Somerset	£6.70	2021	
Exeter	£6.60	2021	



## ANNEX E

### Would you support the maximum taxi fare increase proposal?

#### Support



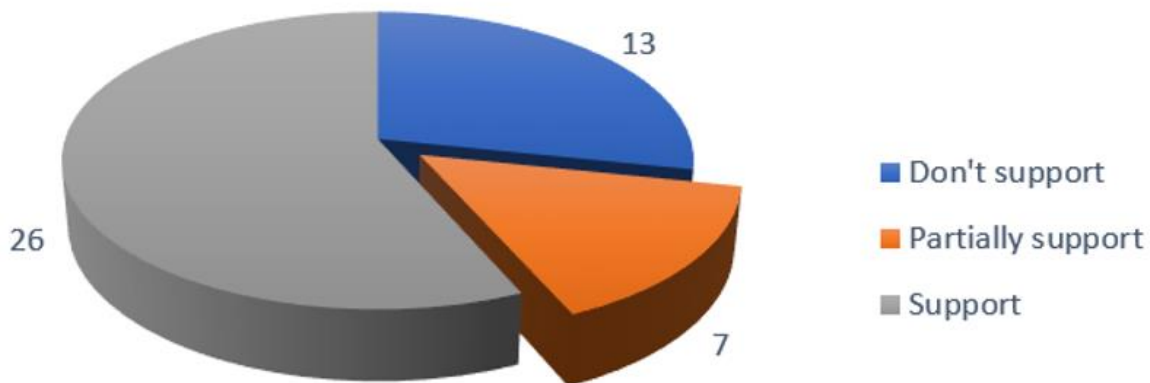
#### Comments received in support of the proposal.

1. Fuel prices £2
2. The real inflation for the running cost of taxi ( fuel , car parts , service labor ) + cost of living is over 30% So 11%is to low
3. Fuel almost doubled price. All the local taxi companies have increased their prices.
4. Cost of fuel and living
5. Fuel and Car Services went really high up nearly double the price
6. Because with everything going up and mostly my journeys only around bath its not much more.
7. Im a driver in banes and seeing costs going up everywhere i dont think its enough especially the way fuel our main cost as nearly doubled since our last increase.
8. Diesel prices have increased from £1.28 per litre in 2020 when we last had a fare increase to £2.00 per litre currently. This represents a 64 percent increase! Also more people are paying by card and the driver is required to pay a 2.9 percent fee for every transaction. Servicing and repairs are also more expensive. I believe there is an 8 week consultation period, in the meantime we are struggling to survive on the current fare system. Speed is of the essence.
9. Because living in Bath is very expensive now and the price of fuel gas electricity is very expensive and the traffic in day time is very busy
10. the current rate of inflation of uk is 9.1%and fuel price has been increased 40% since June 21

11. The fuel price has gone up considerably over the past year and so has the cost of living. All the private hire companies have raised their prices why not the Hackneys.
12. I think its a small increase compared to the cost of driving nowadays
13. Price of fuel increase Living cost overall has increased so is only fare for taxi employees
14. Because prices for most things are going higher and higher. Its not just fuel its also servicing, insurances etc.
15. With inflation and fuel prices rising rapidly I believe that this is proposal of 11.7% rose in fares is the minimum that the fares should rise Hackney carriages are essential part of our transport system and have had a very hard time over the past 2 or 3 years whilst private hires have increased there prices by up to 30% this year whilst Hackney carriages have struggled, I feel that a higher tariff for Hackney carriages is long over due
16. In my opinion bath taxi drivers should get this rise in full ! They play a very important part in the public transport needs of Banes district and seem to to undervalued at the moment considering inflation vehicle and fuel costs
17. The drivers are self-employed, they don't earn very much and fuel costs have increased massively.
18. Since August 2021 fuel diesel has gone up 30% August 2021 £1.31 July 2022 £1.99 and when you take into account the running and maintenance costs of a taxi from tyres/ licencing costs/ insurance/ repairs and renewals all those associated costs have gone up well above inflation.
19. We need to support Hackney License driver owing to cost of fuel and insurance going up in cost plus the council increased the license fees must earn less than minimum wages unless they have to work 7days a week 12 hours Days.
20. Hello all have a higher price it would be normal to have the same fate drivers
21. The cost of living is increasing dramatically and with it the cost of car maintenance and fuel costs. Drivers deserve the right to be paid fairly.
22. Increase of the inflation and fuel prices
23. The price of fuel has gone up
24. As an accountant who acts for several taxi drivers who work long hours for little reward I can see that their net earnings have been scant compensation for their efforts. Recent significant increases in all their expenses have further eroded their incomes. Poor council traffic management result in them sitting in traffic queues which further restricts their income.
25. To cover fuel price and expenses.

## Would you support the maximum taxi fare increase proposal?

### Partially Support



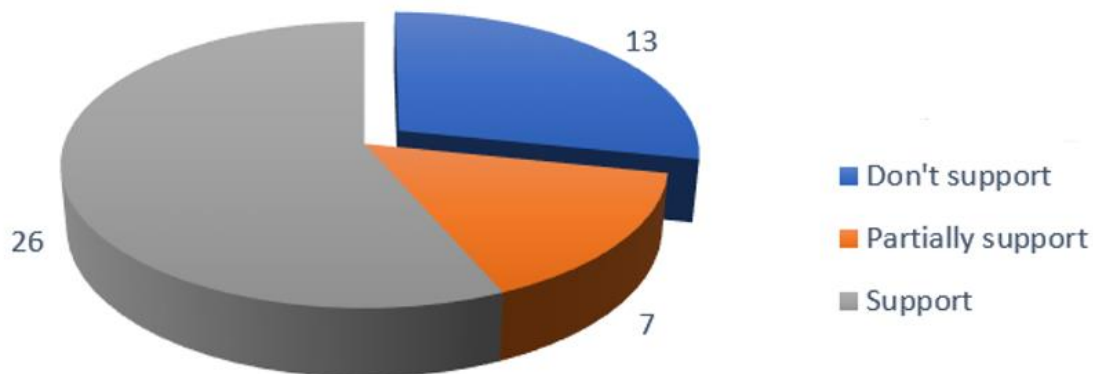
1. Taxis already charge more than the meter in the cars they use the prices on the V Cars app which is more than 11.7 percent increase.
2. It should be more than what offered as prices went up lots
3. 11.7% increase is too small, it barely covers the rising cost of fuel. Taxi drivers need to make a living too. At the moment taxi from the rank in Bath is the cheapest taxi in the city at the loss of hackney carriage drivers.
4. Will they ask for the price too drop when fuel drops
5. The taxis and their drivers in Bath are a mess and need to smarten up. They don't represent our city well. Many of them look as if they are off to the beach or slept in their clothes. The council should enforce rules to make them dress smartly and be tidy in their appearance.
6. I understand that fuel costs have meant a increase of costs for Taxi drivers, however I feel an 11.7% increase is too high. I work for a local charity and as well as having implications for us

and our ability to provide transport for the vulnerable people we support, this will also have a huge impact on unpaid carers and their ability to get cared for people to appointments etc, when taxis are often their only option. There are very few industries currently giving any cost of living or incremental pay rises. While I appreciate the challenging financial times we are in, I believe you will be pricing out those who need the service most.

7. A fare increase is needed to assist the drivers with the increased cost of fuel & living, however my support is only partial as I feel that the starting rate needs to be set higher, but cover a longer distance. There are situations where customers are requesting Hackney Carriages, who have been waiting at their rank for 30 minutes plus, to take them on very short journeys because they have large amounts of luggage etc - sometimes these journeys are not much more than a few hundred meters. This is causing conflict, as a driver who has been waiting 30 minutes or more for a fare, doesn't wish to load his vehicle and pull off the rank to do a job which will not even cover the starting tariff of £3.00 (Â£3.40 as proposed). A Hackney Carriage Driver cannot refuse a fare, so they have adopted a style of saying to the passenger; "oh, it's only down there on the left, you can just walk it" As you can imagine, a new visitor to the city is left with little choice - unless they are particularly assertive with the driver, but of course few people like confrontation. I propose that a higher starting fare (which also covers a further initial distance) within the new tariff will address this matter... It effectively would mean that the only people who would pay notably more, would be the passengers who requested a Hackney Carriage to take them a particularly short distance. My suggestion is that Tariff 1 should start at £5.00 (£4.50 if you feel that sounds more palatable for the customer) That £5.00 (or £4.50) would take you the same distance as £5.00 (or £4.50) would take you with the new BANES proposed fare structure. For Your Information, and as a comparison; Tariff 1 in Swindon starts at £5.50 - and has done so since late 2020. (Which is well before the cost of fuel increased to recent levels)

## Would you support the maximum taxi fare increase proposal?

### Don't Support



1. Veezu cars, the main supplier in Bath already have a variegated charging system in place where they charge a premium rate on certain hours e.g after 3pm. This would push the cost up even more. My son uses taxis to get to / from his day care centre.
2. I am an elderly pensioner who doesn't drive and for whom there is no local bus. When not able to walk somewhere, I am dependant on taxis which I already find expensive.
3. The increase is not in line with the current cost of living. Its a joke to offer this after your increase in our badges and plating fees pluss take a look at the price of fuel. What planet are you lot on?
4. Apart from London, Bath would appear to be one of the most expensive taxi areas in the West Country. My wife and I are embarrassed at the extortionate fares charged for such short distances when visitors ask us about a taxi and as a result always offer to collect friends and visitors from bus station, station etc. Due to these very high fares, even though well retired ourselves, we do all we can to avoid calling for a taxi.
5. Already too high
6. Many people who do not drive rely on taxis to do vital things like get to health appointments and attend important appointments in places where public transport is infrequent or non-existent. With the cost of living increases the last thing people need is to have taxi fares rise as well.
7. Taxi fares are already very high compared to other forms of public transport and people are struggling with cost of living as it is. Disabled people, carers, older people rely heavily on taxis and any price increase will affect them disproportionately.

8. I am responding on behalf of my brother who is learning disabled, has mobility issues and receives the maximum PIP award. Even though social security benefits have increased they continue to be
9. below inflation rises, and the way in which the benefits system interacts with rent and council tax increases means that my brother is receiving less income than last year. With that reduced disposable income he is already facing increased bills for food and utilities etc. If transport costs increase as well he will be stranded and unable to afford to get to hospital appointments and Mencap organised social activities which are his lifeline.
10. I am a pen unpaid carer and will not be able to afford the increased cost. This will impact on my ability to take my disabled out which is bad for his mental health.
11. Taxi fares are expensive as they are at the moment and with only 1 big taxi firm in Bath there is no competition
12. Living outside of Bath City, it is already about £18 to catch a taxi home. We always end up paying proportionately more once you pass the Bath City boundary. It is the same with bus fares. The fares should reflect distance alone not an artificial boundary between the city and the rest of the local authority area.
13. Families are struggling enough