

North East Derbyshire District Council

General Licensing Committee

12 March 2020

Hackney Carriage Tariff Increase Request

Report of the Licensing Team Leader

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To consider an increase in the hackney carriage tariff for Hackney Carriages in North East Derbyshire.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 In accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 the licensing authority may fix the MAXIMUM rates or fares for journeys within the Controlled District of the Council, together with all other charges in connection with the hire of a hackney carriage. Where a licensing authority set rates for hackney carriages this is normally called the 'Tariff'.
- 1.2 Once set, the tariff applies as a maximum fare to all journeys within the District boundary and for all journeys which start or finish outside the district unless the driver and hirer have agreed a different price prior to the commencement of the journey. A driver may charge a lower tariff than that set by the licensing authority.
- 1.3 The Council does not have the power to set fares in respect of private hire vehicles.
- 1.4 At the time of writing this report the Council has 165 licensed private hire vehicles and 7 licensed Hackney Carriages. Therefore Hackney Carriages represent approximately 4.2% of vehicles licensed by this authority.
- 1.5 The Authority does not have any Hackney Carriage ranks. The reason for the lack of ranks is because the Authority does not have any town centres of significant size and high levels of footfall to service those ranks. As a result the hackney carriages licensed by the authority obtain most of their work from pre-booked work while some hackney carriages will undertake a limited amount of work from being flagged down in the street.
- 1.6 There is a concern that the current tariff set by the Council is of such a level that it is preventing vehicle proprietors from investing in newer vehicles. At the present time all the Hackney Carriages licensed by the authority are over 10 years old.

- 1.7 The current maximum tariff set by the authority is well below the market fares charged by private hire operators & vehicles in the district.
- 1.8 With the increasing costs of insurance, repairs and fuel, businesses with Hackney Carriages licensed by the Council have to be profitable and should be able to invest in newer, safer, more energy efficient and environmentally friendly vehicles. This will not only benefit the businesses located within the district, but will also benefit the public, who will be able to hire newer, safer and more environmentally friendly vehicles in the future.
- 1.9 The Council last increased the hackney carriage tariff eight years ago in 2012 and to continue to limit the fares at these levels will be counterproductive and restrict investment in the trade.
- 1.10 In December 2017 a request was received from the members of the hackney trade in North East Derbyshire to increase, but that request was rejected.
- 1.11 The current tariff together with the maximum tariff which members are requested to consider adopting is set out below:

Tariff One - For hiring commenced between the hours of 06:00 to 22.59 daily	Current Fare	Proposed Fare
First 1/8 th mile, 220 yards or 4 minutes	£2.00	£2.10
For each succeeding 1/8 th mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both	20p	25p
Waiting time for Tariff One	40 seconds or part of 15p	40 seconds or part of 20p
Tariff Two - For hiring commenced between the hours of 23:00 - 05:59 daily, Sundays, Statutory Holidays and Bank Holidays. Excluding Christmas and New Year as displayed in Tariff 3	Current Fare	Proposed fare
First 1/8 th mile, 220 yards or 4 minutes	£2.50	£2.60
For each succeeding 1/8 th mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both	25p	30p
Waiting time for Tariff Two	40 seconds or part of 20p	40 seconds or part of 25p
Tariff Three - For hiring between 18:00 hours on 24th December through to 05:59 on 26th December and 18:00 hours on 31st December through to 05:59 on the 2nd January	Current Fare	Proposed fare

First 1/8 th mile, 220 yards or 4 minutes	£3.50	£3.60
For each succeeding 1/8 th mile, 220 yards or 50 seconds or a combination of both	35p	40p
Waiting time for Tariff Three	40 seconds or part of 30p	40 seconds or part of 40p
Soiling Charge	Current charge	Proposed Charge
To cover cleaning and the loss of income where the interior of the vehicle is soiled, at the discretion of the driver	The sum will not exceed £60.00	The sum will not exceed £75.00

- 1.12 The National Private Hire Association publishes monthly league tables of fares in the Private Hire and Taxi Monthly magazine for every licensing authority in England, Scotland and Wales. The table ranks licensing authorities based on the cost of an average two mile fare. A copy of the table from January 2020 is provided at Appendix 1.

In brief the table lists 363 local authorities, of which five do not set tariffs for their hackney carriages.

At the present time the fare for a two mile journey in North East Derbyshire is £5.00 which places the Council 331st out of 363 authorities.

As a comparison of North East Derbyshire against our neighbouring authorities (based on a two mile fare) are as follows:

Council	Two mile fare	League position	Last increase
NEDDC (current)	£5.00	323	2012
NEDDC (proposed)	£5.85	200	
Amber Valley	£5.20	310	2014
Bolsover	£4.60	349	2015
Chesterfield	£5.75	228	2017
Derbyshire Dales	£4.80	343	2011
Rotherham	£5.40	288	2017
Sheffield	£6.40	95	2016
National average rate	£5.96		

- 1.13 Should the Licensing Committee be minded to vary the table of fares, then the proposed tariff must be published in in a local newspaper circulating in the district providing a period of not less than fourteen days for objections to the proposed variation of the tariff to be made.

If no objection is duly made within the period specified on the notice, or if all objections are withdrawn, the table of fares or variations shall come into operation

on the date of the expiration of the period specified in the notice or the date of withdrawal of the objection/s whichever is the later.

If objections are received and not withdrawn the Council shall set a further date, not later than two months after the first appointed date (the date of expiration of the notice) on which the table of fares shall come into force with or without modification after consideration of the objections.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 In accordance with the legislation the Council may at any time fix the maximum rates or fares for journeys within the Controlled District of the Council, together with all other charges in connection with the hire of a hackney carriage.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 The proposed tariff will be subject to a full public consultation in accordance with statute. Any objections received and not withdrawn shall be considered by the Licensing Committee who shall set a further date, not later than two months after the first appointed date (the date of expiration of the notice) on which the table of fares shall come into force with or without modification after consideration of the objections.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Should the Licensing Committee reject the request to amend the proposed tariff then the reasons for that rejection must be recorded and a decision notice issued.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

- 5.1.1 There will be a cost of approximately £500 to cover the cost of publishing the statutory advert in a local newspaper. This cost may be recovered as a legitimate cost from future hackney carriage licence fees.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

- 5.2.1 Any amendments to the hackney carriage tariff must be carried out in accordance with the statutory requirements set out in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

- 5.3.1 None.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That Members consider the request for a change to the hackney carriage tariff and either:

- a) Approve the proposed variation to the hackney carriage tariff, subject to the publishing of a statutory notice in a local newspaper and objection received being considered by this Committee prior to the implementation of the revised tariff (with or without modification after consideration of the objections.).
- b) Refuse the request for a variation to the hackney carriage tariff.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Affected	All
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	All

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1	Tariff Table from Private Hire Monthly (Jan 2020)
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
None	
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RISE IN 2019

RISE IN 2018

RISE IN 2017

RISE IN 2016

RISE IN 2015

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RISE IN 2012

RISE IN 2011

RISE IN 2010

RISE IN 2008

RISE IN 2007

NO SET FARE

The Bryan Roland Memorial

NATIONAL HACKNEY FARES TABLE JANUARY 2020

POSITION	TARIFF ONE COUNCIL/AIRPORT	TWO MILE FARE	POSITION	TARIFF ONE COUNCIL	TWO MILE FARE	POSITION	TARIFF ONE COUNCIL	TWO MILE FARE
1	LONDON (HEATHROW)	£10.60	66	MORAY	£6.60	131	SOUTHAMPTON	£6.20
2	LUTON AIRPORT	£9.20	67	NORTH HERTS	£6.60	132	SOUTHEND ON SEA	£6.20
3	WATFORD (x)	£8.40	68	NORWICH	£6.60	133	SPELTORNE	£6.20
4	EPSOM & EWELL	£7.80	69	SCARBOROUGH	£6.60	134	ST ALBANS	£6.20
5	LONDON	£7.80	70	SHEPHERD ISLES	£6.60	135	STRATFORD ON AVON	£6.20
6	KERRIER	£7.60	71	SOUTH GLOUCESTER	£6.60	136	TAUNTON DEANE	£6.20
7	GUILDFORD	£7.60	72	EAST SUFFOLK (NORTH)	£6.60	137	TEIGNBRIDGE	£6.20
8	BOURNEMOUTH	£7.40	73	NORTH DEVON	£6.55	138	WEST OXFORD	£6.20
9	BRIGHTON & HOVE	£7.40	74	DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL	£6.50	139	WINCHESTER	£6.20
10	CHELTHAM	£7.40	75	ASHFORD	£6.50	140	WYCOMBE	£6.20
11	MID SUSSEX	£7.40	76	HUNTINGDONSHIRE	£6.50	141	CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE	£6.13
12	CARRICK	£7.30	77	MAIDSTONE	£6.50	142	CARDIFF	£6.10
13	READING	£7.20	78	SOUTH CAMBRIDGE	£6.50	143	CLACKMANNAN	£6.10
14	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	£7.20	79	SOUTH SOMERSET	£6.50	144	EAST HERTS	£6.10
15	JERSEY	£7.19	80	WORTHING	£6.50	145	ELMBRIDGE	£6.10
16	DARTFORD	£7.10	81	BRISTOL	£6.40	146	FYLDE	£6.10
17	MOLE VALLEY	£7.10	82	CANTERBURY	£6.40	147	HASTINGS	£6.10
18	PENWITH	£7.10	83	HEREFORD (COUNTY OF)	£6.40	148	NEW FOREST	£6.10
19	SEVENOAKS	£7.06	84	CREWE & NANTWICH	£6.40	149	NORTH WARWICK	£6.10
20	EAST LOTHIAN	£7.00	85	EAST HAMPSHIRE	£6.40	150	SOUTH Ayrshire	£6.10
21	HERTSMERE	£7.00	86	HARLOW	£6.40	151	TAMWORTH	£6.10
22	POOLE	£7.00	87	IPSWICH	£6.40	152	SELBY	£6.06
23	STROUD	£7.00	88	LEEDS	£6.40	153	CHARNWOOD	£6.05
24	TONBRIDGE & MALLING	£7.00	89	LINCOLN	£6.40	154	SCOTTISH BORDERS	£6.05
25	WILTSHIRE	£7.00	90	MALVERN HILLS	£6.40	155	ABERDEENSHIRE	£6.00
26	RESTORMEL	£6.95	91	NORTH KESTEVEN	£6.40	156	BASILDON	£6.00
27	EASTBOURNE	£6.90	92	OXFORD	£6.40	157	BOSTON	£6.00
28	HARROGATE	£6.90	93	PURBECK	£6.40	158	BRACKNELL FOREST	£6.00
29	VALE OF WHITE HORSE	£6.90	94	RUSHMOOR	£6.40	159	BROXTOWE	£6.00
30	WEALDON	£6.90	95	SHEFFIELD	£6.40	160	CARMARTHENSHIRE	£6.00
31	WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	£6.90	96	SOUTH LAKELAND	£6.40	161	CASTLE POINT	£6.00
32	ADUR	£6.80	97	STEVENAGE	£6.40	162	CONWY	£6.00
33	BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET	£6.80	98	SURREY HEATH	£6.40	163	DOVER	£6.00
34	CARADON	£6.80	99	TENDRING	£6.40	164	EAST Ayrshire	£6.00
35	CHRISTCHURCH	£6.80	100	WAVERLEY	£6.40	165	EAST LINDSEY	£6.00
36	COLCHESTER	£6.80	101	WOKING	£6.40	166	GLOUCESTER	£6.00
37	FIFE	£6.80	102	WOKINGHAM	£6.40	167	GREAT YARMOUTH	£6.00
38	GUERNSEY	£6.80	103	EDINBURGH	£6.35	168	GWYNEDD	£6.00
39	HART (x)	£6.80	104	NEWARK & SHERWOOD	£6.32	169	ISLE OF WIGHT	£6.00
40	NORTH CORNWALL	£6.80	105	BLACKBURN	£6.30	170	KETTERING	£6.00
41	NOTTINGHAM	£6.80	106	COTSWOLD (y)	£6.30	171	KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK	£6.00
42	SEDGEMOOR	£6.80	107	COVENTRY	£6.30	172	LUTON	£6.00
43	SWALE	£6.80	108	DACORUM	£6.30	173	MILTON KEYNES	£6.00
44	WEST BERKSHIRE	£6.80	109	EAST DEVON	£6.30	174	NORTH DORSET	£6.00
45	YORK	£6.80	110	ISLE OF MAN	£6.30	175	PLYMOUTH	£6.00
46	NUNEATON & BEDWORTH	£6.75	111	LEWES	£6.30	176	PRESTON	£6.00
47	TORBAY	£6.75	112	PEMBROKESHIRE	£6.30	177	SLOUGH	£6.00
48	CHELMSFORD	£6.70	113	SOUTH HOLLAND	£6.30	178	SOUTH HAMS	£6.00
49	CHESTER	£6.70	114	FOREST OF DEAN	£6.27	179	SOUTH TYNESIDE	£6.00
50	CRAWLEY	£6.70	115	MIDLOTHIAN	£6.22	180	STOCKPORT	£6.00
51	EASTLEIGH	£6.70	116	ARGYLL & BUTE	£6.20	181	TAMESIDE	£6.00
52	GRAVESHAM	£6.70	117	BIRMINGHAM	£6.20	182	TEST VALLEY (x)	£6.00
53	ROTHER	£6.70	118	BRAINTREE	£6.20	183	THREE RIVERS	£6.00
54	SWINDON	£6.70	119	CHICHESTER	£6.20	184	THURROCK	£6.00
55	HARBOROUGH	£6.68	120	DAVENTRY	£6.20	185	VALE OF GLAMORGAN	£6.00
56	TORRIDGE	£6.62	121	DERBY	£6.20	186	WARWICK	£6.00
57	ARUN	£6.60	122	EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£6.20	187	WEST DORSET	£6.00
58	BASINGSTOKE & DEANE	£6.60	123	HORSHAM	£6.20	188	WEST LINDSEY	£6.00
59	BRENTWOOD	£6.60	124	MENDIP	£6.20	189	WIRRAL	£6.00
60	CAMBRIDGE CITY	£6.60	125	NORTHAMPTON	£6.20	190	DARLINGTON	£5.95
61	EAST DORSET	£6.60	126	PORTSMOUTH UA	£6.20	191	BABERGH	£5.90
62	EXETER	£6.60	127	ROCHFORD	£6.20	192	BASSETLAW	£5.90
63	GLASGOW	£6.60	128	RUNNYMEDE	£6.20	193	BROXBORNE	£5.90
64	HIGH PEAK	£6.60	129	FOLKESTONE & HYTHE	£6.20	194	DUDLEY	£5.90
65	MEDWAY	£6.60	130	SOLIHULL	£6.20	195	MANCHESTER	£5.90

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196	NORTHUMBERLAND	£5.90	261	NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	£5.55	326	SEFTON	£5.10
197	TANDBRIDGE	£5.90	262	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY	£5.50	327	SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE	£5.10
198	WALSALL	£5.90	263	EAST STAFFORDSHIRE	£5.50	328	COPELAND	£5.00
199	CALDERDALE	£5.85	264	EDEN	£5.50	329	EAST NORTHANTS	£5.00
200	TEWKSBURY	£5.85	265	EPPING FOREST	£5.50	330	KIRKLEES	£5.00
201	BLACKPOOL	£5.80	266	EREWASH	£5.50	331	NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE	£5.00
202	BRIDGEND	£5.80	267	FALKIRK	£5.50	332	NORTH LANARKSHIRE	£5.00
203	BROMSGROVE	£5.80	268	HAMBLETON	£5.50	333	PETERBOROUGH	£5.00
204	CARLISLE	£5.80	269	OLDHAM	£5.50	334	ROSSENDALE	£5.00
205	EAST KILBRIDE	£5.80	270	SHROPSHIRE	£5.50	335	SOUTH NORTHANTS	£5.00
206	FAREHAM	£5.80	271	STAFFORD	£5.50	336	STOKE-ON-TRENT UA	£4.95
207	HAVANT	£5.80	272	TORFAEN	£5.50	337	CORBY	£4.90
208	HIGHLAND (x)	£5.80	273	CEREDIGION	£5.46	338	FLINTSHIRE	£4.90
209	LANCASTER	£5.80	274	NEATH PORT TALBOT	£5.46	339	TELFORD & WREKIN	£4.90
210	LEICESTER	£5.80	275	SALFORD	£5.46	340	WELLINGBOROUGH	£4.90
211	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	£5.80	276	ALLERDALE	£5.45	341	WESTERN ISLES (x)	£4.85
212	NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	£5.80	277	BARNSELY	£5.40	342	ASHFIELD	£4.80
213	NORTH NORFOLK	£5.80	278	BARROW IN FURNESS	£5.40	343	DERBYSHIRE DALES	£4.80
214	NORTH TYNESIDE	£5.80	279	CAERPHILLY	£5.40	344	HARTLEPOOL	£4.80
215	ORKNEY	£5.80	280	CHILTERN	£5.40	345	MANSFIELD	£4.80
216	REIGATE & BANSTEAD	£5.80	281	DUNBARTON & VALE OF LEVEN	£5.40	346	ROCHDALE	£4.80
217	RUGBY	£5.80	282	KINGSTON-UPON-HULL	£5.40	347	HYNDBURN	£4.70
218	RUTHERGLEN	£5.80	283	MACCLESFIELD	£5.40	348	WEST LANCASHIRE	£4.70
219	SOUTH RIBBLE	£5.80	284	MID SUFFOLK	£5.40	349	BOLSOVER	£4.60
220	TRAFFORD	£5.80	285	NORTHERN IRELAND	£5.40	350	BURNLEY	£4.50
221	UTTLESFORD	£5.80	286	PERTH & KINROSS	£5.40	351	KNOWSLEY	£4.50
222	WEST SOMERSET	£5.80	287	POWYS	£5.40	352	MERTHYR TYDFIL	£4.50
223	WEST SUFFOLK	£5.80	288	ROTHERHAM	£5.40	353	REDCAR & CLEVELAND	£4.50
224	WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD	£5.80	289	THANET	£5.40	354	STOCKTON ON TEES	£4.50
225	WORCESTER	£5.80	290	WYCHAVON	£5.40	355	OADBY & WIGSTON	£4.40
226	WYRE	£5.80	291	EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE	£5.34	356	PENDLE	£4.40
227	YNS MON	£5.80	292	INVERCLYDE	£5.34	357	AYLESBURY VALE	£4.30
228	CHESTERFIELD	£5.75	293	BLABY	£5.30	358	MIDDLESBROUGH	£4.30
229	DONCASTER	£5.75	294	BRADFORD	£5.30	359	MALDON	£
230	ANGUS	£5.70	295	CRAVEN (x)	£5.30	360	RUTLAND	£
231	CANNOCK CHASE	£5.70	296	EAST RENFREW	£5.30	361	SOUTH DERBYSHIRE	£
232	GEDLING	£5.70	297	FENLAND (x)	£5.30	362	SOUTH NORFOLK	£
233	MID DEVON	£5.70	298	LICHFIELD	£5.30	363	SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE	£
234	MONMOUTHSHIRE	£5.70	299	MELTON	£5.30			
235	NORTH SOMERSET	£5.70	300	NORTH AYSRSHIRE	£5.30			
236	RENFREWSHIRE	£5.70	301	REDDITCH	£5.30			
237	RYEDAILE (x)	£5.70	302	RIBBLE VALLEY	£5.30			
238	STIRLING	£5.70	303	SOUTH KESTEVEN	£5.30			
239	SWANSEA	£5.70	304	ST HELENS	£5.30			
240	WELWYN HATFIELD	£5.70	305	VALE ROYAL	£5.30			
241	DUNDEE CITY	£5.66	306	WIGAN	£5.30			
242	ABERDEEN CITY	£5.60	307	WYRE FOREST	£5.30			
243	BRECKLAND	£5.60	308	BEDFORD	£5.26			
244	DENBIGHSHIRE	£5.60	309	BURY	£5.24			
245	GOSPORT	£5.60	310	AMBER VALLEY	£5.20			
246	HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	£5.60	311	BLAENAU GWENT	£5.20			
247	LIVERPOOL	£5.60	312	BOLTON	£5.20			
248	NEWPORT	£5.60	313	CLYDEBANK	£5.20			
249	NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE	£5.60	314	EAST RIDING	£5.20			
250	NORTH WEST LEICESTER	£5.60	315	ELLESMERE PORT	£5.20			
251	RICHMONDSHIRE	£5.60	316	HALTON	£5.20			
252	RUSHCLIFFE	£5.60	317	HAMILTON	£5.20			
253	SANDWELL	£5.60	318	RHONDDA CYNON TAF	£5.20			
254	SOUTH BUCKINGHAM	£5.60	319	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE (Clydesdale)	£5.20			
255	EAST SUFFOLK (SOUTH)	£5.60	320	STAFFS MOORLANDS	£5.20			
256	SUNDERLAND	£5.60	321	WAKEFIELD	£5.20			
257	WEST LOTHIAN	£5.60	322	WARRINGTON	£5.20			
258	WOLVERHAMPTON (x)	£5.60	323	CHORLEY	£5.10			
259	WREXHAM	£5.60	324	CONGLETON	£5.10			
260	CHERWELL	£5.56	325	GATESHEAD	£5.10			

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NO SET FARE

Councils in positions 359-363 do not impose a tariff for their hackney carriages and instead the individual vehicle charges an agreed fare prior to the journey.

**NATIONAL AVERAGE
TWO MILE HACKNEY FARE
TARIFF ONE
IS NOW £5.96**

PLEASE NOTE

Broadland DC are not listed in our tables as although they are a council, they have no hackney ranks (and therefore no council tariff) within their boundaries.

Where an (x) appears by a listing, it refers to the fact that a fare update has been passed by the council, but the price of our two-mile fare has not increased.

In the case of Cotswold where a (y) appears alongside the listing, the (y) refers to a fare update but one in which the fare has decreased for a two mile tariff.

The Bryan Roland Memorial NATIONAL HACKNEY FARES TABLE JANUARY 2020