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Hackney Carriage Fare Change Options

The fare for Hackney Carriage journeys in each of the four zones must be considered and set separately. The trade have requested that the current tariffs in place are increased. This request will be considered by the Executive.

One of the options being considered by the council, is for a new harmonised tariff to be introduced that will cover all four of the zones and we are keen to engage with the trade, to identify a tariff that would best suit their needs.

The table below shows the current standard maximum tariff in each zone for a one, two and five mile reference journey. This table has been corrected from previous versions, since it has subsequently become apparent that the figures for the East zone were previously incorrect.

Zone	1 mile	2 miles	5 miles
Corby	£3.40	£4.90	£9.30
East	£3.60	£5.20	£9.80
Kettering	£3.60	£6.00	£13.20
Wellingborough	£3.40	£4.90	£9.40

Five potential options have been identified for consideration and these are detailed below.

Option One

The current fare structure in Kettering is used to base a new harmonised tariff upon. This has been based upon the lowest of the increase requests from the Kettering trade. This would result in the below maximum tariff for a one, two and five mile reference journey.

	1 mile fare	2 mile fare	5 mile fare
Option 1: £3.20 for first 880 yards £0.20 for each subsequent 146.66 yards or uncompleted part thereof	£4.40	£6.80	£14.00

Option one would mean that none of the trade would see a reduction in the maximum fares and would result in the greatest increase in the fares out of the options.

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This option would include introduction of the additional charges currently in place for Kettering;

<p><u>Waiting Time:-</u></p> <p>Initial Waiting Time of 216 seconds Then for each period of 36 seconds</p>	<p>£0.20 £0.20</p>
<p><u>Extra Charges</u> Tariff 2</p> <p>For hirings begun after 6am on a Sunday</p> <p>For hiring's begun between 11pm and 6am except on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day</p> <p>For hirings on Bank Holidays and other nationally recognized Public Holidays other than Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day</p> <p>For journeys carrying more than 4 people, providing they are licensed accordingly</p>	<p>+ 50% of the above rates</p>
<p>Tariff 3</p> <p>For hirings begun 6pm on Christmas Eve to 6am the day following Boxing Day and 6pm on New year's Eve to 6am the day following New Year's Day</p> <p>If these days fall on a Saturday or Sunday then this rate to extend to 6am following the appointed extra bank holiday days</p>	<p>+ 100% over the above rate</p>
<p>ONLY ONE OF THE ABOVE EXTRA CHARGES PERMISSIBLE AT ANY TIME</p>	
<p>Soiling charge (may be charged <u>in addition</u> to the above extra charges)</p>	<p>£50.00 (subject to extra tariff charges)</p>

Option 2

The current fare structure in Kettering is used to base a new harmonised tariff structure upon, based on the lowest of the requests from the Kettering trade, as with option 1, resulting in the below tariff for a one, two and five mile reference journey.

	1 mile fare	2 mile fare	5 mile fare
Option 1: £3.20 for first 880 yards £0.20 for each subsequent 146.66 yards or uncompleted part thereof	£4.40	£6.80	£14.00

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In this proposal however, the additional charges are slightly modified to alter the time that tariff two covers and to remove the additional charge for journeys carrying more than 4 people. This is to reflect some concerns received from the trade over these additional charges. The additional charges would therefore be;

<p><u>Waiting Time:-</u></p> <p>Initial Waiting Time of 216 seconds Then for each period of 36 seconds</p>	<p>£0.20 £0.20</p>
<p><u>Extra Charges</u> Tarrif 2</p> <p>For hirings begun after 5am on a Sunday</p> <p>For hiring's begun between 11pm and 5am except on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day</p> <p>For hirings on Bank Holidays and other nationally recognized Public Holidays other than Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day</p>	<p>+ 50% of the above rates</p>
<p>Tariff 3</p> <p>For hirings begun 6pm on Christmas Eve to 5am the day following Boxing Day and 6pm on New year's Eve to 5am the day following New Year's Day</p> <p>If these days fall on a Saturday or Sunday then this rate to extend to 5am following the appointed extra bank holiday days</p>	<p>+ 100% over the above rate</p>
<p>ONLY <u>ONE</u> OF THE ABOVE EXTRA CHARGES PERMISSIBLE AT ANY TIME</p>	
<p>Soiling charge (may be charged <u>in addition</u> to the above extra charges)</p>	<p>£50.00 (subject to extra tariff charges)</p>

Option 3

The current fare structure in Kettering is used to base a new harmonised tariff upon. This has been based upon the lowest of the increase requests from the Kettering trade for the starting fare (as with options one and two), however the subsequent tariff has been changed to 20p for each subsequent 180 yards (as opposed to 20p for each £146.66 yards). This would result in the below tariff for a one, two and five mile reference journey.

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	1 mile fare	2 mile fare	5 mile fare
Option 3: £3.20 for first 880 yards £0.20 for each subsequent 180 yards or uncompleted part thereof	£4.20	£6.20	£12.00

Option 3 would mean that all zones would see an increase in maximum tariff for shorter journeys, but the Kettering trade would see a reduction in the maximum fares for longer journeys.

This option would include introduction of the additional charges currently in place for Kettering;

In this proposal, the additional charges are slightly modified to alter the time that tariff two covers and to remove the additional charge for journeys carrying more than 4 people, as with option 2. This is to reflect some concerns received from the trade over these additional charges. The additional charges would therefore be;

<u>Waiting Time:-</u> Initial Waiting Time of 216 seconds Then for each period of 36 seconds	£0.20 £0.20
<u>Extra Charges</u> Tariff 2 For hirings begun after 5am on a Sunday For hiring's begun between 11pm and 5am except on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day For hirings on Bank Holidays and other nationally recognized Public Holidays other than Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day	+ 50% of the above rates
Tariff 3 For hirings begun 6pm on Christmas Eve to 5am the day following Boxing Day and 6pm on New year's Eve to 5am the day following New Year's Day If these days fall on a Saturday or Sunday then this rate to extend to 5am following the appointed extra bank holiday days	+ 100% over the above rate
ONLY ONE OF THE ABOVE EXTRA CHARGES PERMISSIBLE AT ANY TIME	
Soiling charge (may be charged <u>in addition</u> to the above extra charges)	£50.00 (subject to extra tariff charges)

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Option 4

The current fare structure in Wellingborough is used to base a new harmonised tariff structure upon, based on the requested increase submitted by the Wellingborough Hackney Carriage Association.

This would result in the below tariff for a one, two and five mile reference journey.

	1 mile fare	2 mile fare	5 mile fare
Option 4: £3.00 for first 541.54 yards £0.10 for each subsequent 97.77 yards	£4.30	£6.10	£11.50

Option 4 would mean that all zones would see an increase in maximum tariff for shorter journeys, but the Kettering trade would see a reduction in the maximum fares for longer journeys.

This option would include introduction of the additional charges currently in place for Wellingborough;

WAITING TIME	
For each period of 35 seconds or uncompleted part thereof including periods during the journey when the vehicle is stationary	10 pence
EXTRA CHARGES	
For hirings begun between 6am and 11pm on a Sunday	25% of the fare
For hirings begun between 11pm and 6am	50% of the fare
For hirings begun on Bank Holidays	50% of the fare
For hirings begun between 6pm on Christmas Eve and 6am on the day following Boxing Day and 6pm on New Year's Eve and 6am on the day following New Year's Day	100% of the fare
When conveying more than 4 passengers between the hours of 6am and 11pm	to increase the fare by 50%
When conveying more than 4 passengers between the hours of 11pm and 6am	to increase the fare by 0%
Only <u>one</u> of the above extra charges is permissible at any time	
Journeys ending outside the Borough of Wellingborough will be metered unless an alternative tariff is agreed prior to the commencement of the journey.	

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No charge in excess of fifty pounds (£50) shall be made in the event of any hirer causing any damage to or soiling the vehicle hired in any way whether by vomiting, urinating, spitting or otherwise.

Option 5

The current fare structure in Wellingborough is again used to base a new harmonised tariff structure upon, based on the requested increase submitted by the Wellingborough Hackney Carriage Association, as with option 3. This would result in the below tariff for a one, two and five mile reference journey.

	1 mile fare	2 mile fare	5 mile fare
Option 5: £3.00 for first 541.54 yards £0.10 for each subsequent 97.77 yards	£4.30	£6.10	£11.50

In this proposal however, the additional charges are slightly modified to alter the time that tariff two covers and to remove the extra charge for conveying more than 4 passengers. This is to reflect some concerns received from the trade over these additional charges. The additional charges would therefore be;

<p>WAITING TIME</p> <p>For each period of 35 seconds or uncompleted part thereof including periods during the journey when the vehicle is stationary</p>	<p>10 pence</p>
<p>EXTRA CHARGES</p> <p>For hirings begun between 5am and 11pm on a Sunday</p> <p>For hirings begun between 11pm and 5am</p> <p>For hirings begun on Bank Holidays</p> <p>For hirings begun between 6pm on Christmas Eve and 6am on the day following Boxing Day and 6pm on New Year's Eve and 6am on the day following New Year's Day</p> <p>When conveying more than 4 passengers between the hours of 5am and 11pm</p> <p>Only <u>one</u> of the above extra charges is permissible at any time</p>	<p>25% of the fare</p> <p>50% of the fare</p> <p>50% of the fare</p> <p>100% of the fare</p> <p>to increase the fare by 50%</p> <p>to increase the fare by 0%</p>
<p>Journeys ending outside the Borough of Wellingborough will be metered unless an alternative tariff is agreed prior to the commencement of the journey.</p>	

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No charge in excess of fifty pounds (£50) shall be made in the event of any hirer causing any damage to or soiling the vehicle hired in any way whether by vomiting, urinating, spitting or otherwise.

Conclusion

The below table identifies the current fares for each zone for a standard one, two and five mile reference journey, for the current fares and the five proposed harmonised fare options.

Zone	Current 1 mile fare	Current 2 mile fare	Current 5 mile fare
Current Corby fare	£3.40	£4.90	£9.30
Current East fare	£3.60	£5.20	£9.80
Current Kettering fare	£3.60	£6.00	£13.20
Current Wellingborough fare	£3.40	£4.90	£9.40
Option One	£4.40	£6.80	£14.00
Option Two	£4.40	£6.80	£14.00
Option Three	£4.20	£6.20	£12.00
Option Four	£4.30	£6.10	£11.50
Option Five	£4.30	£6.10	£11.50

Hackney Carriage drivers are requested to provide their thoughts on the proposed five options, indicating which of the options would be their preference and the reasons for this.

Any alternative options submitted by trade representatives, following consultation with others, will also be considered.