

# **Regulatory Committee Agenda**

**9 June 2022 at 7pm**

**Marconi Room, Civic Centre, Chelmsford**

## **Membership**

Councillor L.A. Mascot (Chair)  
Councillor D.G. Jones (Vice-Chair)

## **and Councillors**

R.H. Ambor, L. Ashley, D.J.R. Clark, A.E. Davidson, J.A. Frascona,  
A.M. John, R.J. Lee, L.A. Millane, I.C. Roberts, T.E. Roper and S.J.  
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# Regulatory Committee

9 June 2022

## AGENDA

### 1. Apologies for Absence

### 2. Minutes

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2022.

### 3. Declaration of Interests

All Members are reminded that they must disclose any interests they know they have in items of business on the meeting's agenda and that they must do so at this point on the agenda or as soon as they become aware of the interest. If the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they are also obliged to notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the meeting.

### 4. Public Question Time

Any member of the public may ask a question or make a statement at this point in the meeting. Each person has two minutes and a maximum of 15 minutes is allotted to public questions/statements, which must be about matters for which the Committee is responsible.

The Chair may disallow a question if it is offensive, substantially the same as another question or requires disclosure of exempt or confidential information. If the question cannot be answered at the meeting a written response will be provided after the meeting.

Any member of the public who wishes to submit a question or statement to this meeting should email it to [committees@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:committees@chelmsford.gov.uk) at least 24 hours before the start time of the meeting. All valid questions and statements will be published with the agenda on the website at least six hours before the start time and will be responded to at the meeting. Those who have submitted a valid question or statement will be entitled to put it in person at the meeting.

5. Application for an increase in fares (Tariff) charged by Hackney Carriages
6. Taxi Criminal Conviction Policy Amendment
7. Urgent Business

To consider any other matter which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

MINUTES OF THE  
REGULATORY COMMITTEE

held on 17 March 2022 at 7pm

Present:

Councillor L. Mascot (Chair)

Councillors D.J.R. Clark, A.E. Davidson, J.A. Frasca, R.J. Lee and L.A. Millane

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Ambor, L Ashley, P Hughes, D Jones and I Roberts.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interests

All Members were reminded to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary interests or other registerable interests where appropriate in any items of business on the meeting's agenda. None were made.

4. Public Question Time

There were no questions or statements from members of the public.

5. Licensing of Tables and Chairs on the Public Highway

(M5, Reg12, 2022) At its meeting on 27 January 2022, the Committee had agreed for public consultation a revised Pavement Licence Policy ahead of the redevelopment of Tindal Square. Under the policy, anyone wishing to place tables or chairs on the public highway would require a licence issued by the Council and be subject to certain requirements regarding eligibility, location, design of furniture, the provision of barriers, times of operation and location.

Two responses had been received to the consultation, one from the Business Improvement District and the other from a hair salon in Tindal Square. Neither objected to the policy but in response to comments by the hair salon officers informed the Committee that an additional area for seating already identified for Tindal Square had been added to the permitted area for seating in the northern

part of the High Street. The Committee was also informed that, in response to questions raised at its last meeting, a paragraph had been added to the policy to make it clear that it was applicable throughout the Chelmsford City Council district, although its main impact was within the city centre as other areas with demand for tables and chairs tended to be on privately owned land.

**RESOLVED** that the Pavement Licence Policy submitted as Appendix A to the report to the meeting be approved and come into effect on 1 April 2022.

*(7.02pm to 7.05pm)*

## 6. Amendments to Taxi Policy

The Committee was informed that the Council's Tax Licencing Policy needed to be amended to incorporate two recent changes:

1. A requirement under the Finance Act 2021 that

- drivers and Private Hire Operators applying to re-licence;
- drivers and Private Hire Operators applying for a new licence where the same licence was granted by the licensing authority and expired within the previous 12 months; and
- holders of a Drivers and Private Hire Operators licence with any other authority and applying for a licence with this authority

must register with HM Revenue and Customs and provide the licensing authority tax check code as proof

2. The recent decision of the Licensing Authority to replace the requirement for a mechanical inspection with a compliance check for brand new vehicles when they were first licensed or replaced existing licensed vehicles

The Committee supported the proposed amendments to the policy.

**RESOLVED** that the Taxi Licensing Policy be amended to take into account changes to HMRC registration requirements and the change to the requirement of mechanical inspections in respect of brand-new vehicles.

*(7.10pm to 7.15pm)*

## 7. Urgent Business

There were no matters of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

Chair



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## Chelmsford City Council Regulatory Committee

**DATE: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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### **APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN FARES (TARIFF) CHARGED BY HACKNEY CARRIAGES**

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Report by: Lead Licensing Officer - Nigel Dermott

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#### Purpose

To consider a petition on behalf of the taxi trade to increase the fares charged in respect of Hackney Carriages (Tariff charges).

#### Recommendations

The Regulatory Committee is requested to consider the petition and determine whether to approve an increase in Hackney Carriage fares (the tariff) or not.

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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Section 16 of 'The District of Chelmsford Bye-laws' approved on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1975 - adopted the imposition of tariff charges in respect of fares levied by Hackney Carriages. Tariffs may periodically be reviewed, which is generally following application by a licence holder on behalf of others and previously this has been in the form of a petition

- 1.2 Since the last review of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 inflation and fuel prices have increased to a point where the Council have been petitioned by Mr Terry Michel for the tariff to be further increased), attached as **Appendix A**. That petition is supported by data around fuel increase costs (**Appendix B**) and initial tariff increase proposal (**Appendix C**) along with the calculation material.
- 1.3 A national tariff comparison is provided as an abstract from the Private Hire and Trade Magazine (PHTM) (**Appendix D**) together with a graphic showing percentage increase.
- 1.4 The petition of Mr Michel is joined by Mr Ian Vernon who further petitions suggesting additional issues that 'level up' fares charged locally (**Appendix E**), on behalf of the Chelmsford Taxi Drivers Association. The 'levelling up' refers to the numbers of passengers that use vehicles (where customers using a 4-seater vehicle might individually pay less than a fully occupied 5 or 6 multi seater vehicle) that are more costly to purchase and to operate. That proposal is not being made to the detriment of wheelchair users, or a single person using either style of vehicle.
- 1.5 Private Hire Vehicles can establish their own fees, whereas Hackney Carriages are legally committed to charge not more than the tariff when operating within the district of this local authority.
- 1.6 In presenting his petition Mr Vernon has referred to the figures provided by Mr Michel, which essentially adds a surcharge to the tariff when a vehicle is used by 5 or more persons.
- 1.7 These two petitions result in a combined table of tariff charges (attached as **Appendix F**) where side 1 is the standard tariff where a licensed vehicle is hired by not more than 4 persons and side 2 provides those figures amended when hired by 5 or more persons (not including wheelchair users and carers).
- 1.8 The same approach is taken in two other local authority areas in Essex.
- 1.9 Enquiries with our meter calibration services confirm that saloon vehicles can be calibrated differently to multi seater vehicles.
- 1.10 If Tariff A & Tariff B were both approved and unopposed it would be intended to make only the Tariff A card visible in saloon vehicles.
- 1.11 The meter calibration service has advised that whilst all meters are currently automatically set for the time of day and day of the week (set to calendar), that the actual switching from Tariff A to Tariff B would be a manual process and that the applicable tariff will be clearly visible to the customer on the meter.

## 2. Implications

- 2.1 If the proposal is agreed today, the proposed table of fares will need to be advertised in the local paper for 14 days (from 16/6/2022 until 29/6/2022) and displayed in the Council offices and on the Council's website. It would also be the intention of officers to also inform operators as part of this process.

- 2.2 Where there are no objections it is proposed that the changes take effect on 12/7/2022, on which date meter services are confirmed as being currently available.
- 2.3 Where there are objections these will be presented to the Committee, at a future meeting, to consider the proposal further in the light of those representations.

### 3. Options

- 3.1 The Committee may consider amending any part of this proposal and might wish to consider the following options:
  - a) Support the complete proposal as submitted and where any increase is supported to approve for consultation and implemented in accordance with the proposed timescale where no objections are received.
  - b) Amending the percentage amount of the proposed increase
  - c) Precluding one of the proposals to increase in respect either fuel increases, or proposals to 'level up'.
  - d) Not to approve any form of increase to the current tariff
- 3.2 In the event that an objection or representation is submitted the matter must be referred back to the Regulatory Committee for further consideration.

### Appendices:

Appendix A – the petition for an increase by Mr Terry Michel

Appendix B – An analysis of fuel costs

Appendix C – How the proposal impacts on yardage and mileage costs (with calculations)

Appendix D – PHTM national Tariff league table and percentage increases

Appendix E – Petition to amend proposal by Mr Ian Vernon

Appendix F – Proposed new tariff

### Background reading:

None

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## Corporate Implications

Legal/Constitutional: None

Financial: None

Potential impact on climate change and the environment: None

Contribution toward achieving a net zero carbon position by 2030: None

Personnel: None

Risk Management: None

Equality and Diversity: None

Health and Safety: None

Digital: None

Other: None

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**Consultees:** The petitioners

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**Relevant Policies and Strategies:** None

To Chelmsford City Council, Licensing Committee.

Please accept the attached as a Formal Request to review and raise Taxi Fares within the Borough of Chelmsford in accordance with the data supplied. This standardised format has been used for the past 12 years or so now so we should all be singing from the same sheet. Any problems please just let me know.

There has been no review or increase in Hackney Carriage Fares in the Chelmsford District since 2020, almost 2 years ago now.

Fuel Cost is the main motivator for this request to urgently increase fares at this time, Diesel has risen at least 50% from Aug 2020

Inflation which is rapidly increasing month on month after the past few years. The cost of replacement vehicles has also jumped in recent years making it harder to source good quality second hand vehicles.

Insurance Costs as ever have increased steadily along with Servicing Charges.

This Tariff increase if granted will move us up from 24th up to joint 8th in the PHTM league table of Council Taxi Rates, out of 365 Councils. This league table only compares the Tariff 1 cost of a 2-mile journey with no waiting time. Many other variables are involved and many other Councils will be increasing their fares in the coming months.

Regards

Terry Michel

## Fuel Cost Analysis

	Cost Per Litre			Vehicle	Cost Per	Increase wrt	Weekly				Annual	10 Mile Taxi	Increase
	At Pump	Litres per Gallon	Cost Per gallon	Economy	Mile	Aug 20	Miles	Gallons Used	Weekly Cost	Annually	Increase wrt Aug 20	Journey (20 Miles total)	wrt Aug 20
Aug-20	109.9	4.54609	£5.00	38	0.13	0.00%	750	19.74	£98.61	£5,127.63		£2.63	
Feb-21	121.9	4.54609	£5.54	38	0.15	10.92%	750	19.74	£109.38	£5,687.52	£559.89	£2.92	£0.29
May-21	124.9	4.54609	£5.68	38	0.15	13.65%	750	19.74	£112.07	£5,827.49	£699.86	£2.99	£0.36
Jul-21	128.9	4.54609	£5.86	38	0.15	17.29%	750	19.74	£115.66	£6,014.12	£886.49	£3.08	£0.45
Aug-21	133.9	4.54609	£6.09	38	0.16	21.84%	750	19.74	£120.14	£6,247.40	£1,119.77	£3.20	£0.57
Dec-21	146.9	4.54609	£6.68	38	0.18	33.67%	750	19.74	£131.81	£6,853.95	£1,726.32	£3.51	£0.89
Jan-22	143.9	4.54609	£6.54	38	0.17	30.94%	750	19.74	£129.11	£6,713.98	£1,586.35	£3.44	£0.81
Feb-22	146.9	4.54609	£6.68	38	0.18	33.67%	750	19.74	£131.81	£6,853.95	£1,726.32	£3.51	£0.89
Mar-22	157.9	4.54609	£7.18	38	0.19	43.68%	750	19.74	£141.68	£7,367.18	£2,239.55	£3.78	£1.15
Mar-22	162.9	4.54609	£7.41	38	0.19	48.23%	750	19.74	£146.16	£7,600.46	£2,472.83	£3.90	£1.27
	167.9	4.54609	£7.63	38	0.20	52.78%	750	19.74	£150.65	£7,833.75	£2,706.12	£4.02	£1.39
	172.9	4.54609	£7.86	38	0.21	57.32%	750	19.74	£155.14	£8,067.04	£2,939.41	£4.14	£1.51
	177.9	4.54609	£8.09	38	0.21	61.87%	750	19.74	£159.62	£8,300.32	£3,172.69	£4.26	£1.63
	182.9	4.54609	£8.31	38	0.22	66.42%	750	19.74	£164.11	£8,533.61	£3,405.98	£4.38	£1.75

# **Chelmsford Hackney Carriage Fares Proposal 2022**

## **Hackney Carriage Fares (YARDS)**

### **Tariff 1:**

06:00 to 23:00 Monday to Saturday (excluding public holidays)

First 625 yards or 2 minutes and 34 seconds.	£3.60
Each subsequent 71.0 yards. (Equates to £2.479 per mile after 625 yards).	£0.10
Waiting time per 17.5 seconds	£0.10

### **Tariff 2:**

23:00 to 06:00 daily and anytime on public holidays (all day) 18:00 to 22:00 Christmas Eve and New Years eve.

First 700 yards or 3 minutes and 15 seconds.	£4.80
Each subsequent 50.7 yards. (Equates to £3.471 per mile. After 700 yards).	£0.10
Waiting time per 14.10 seconds	£0.10

### **Tariff 3:**

06:00 to 23:00 Sundays

First 410 yards or 1 minute and 17 seconds.	£4.70
Each subsequent 71.6 yards. (Equates to £2.458 per mile after 410 yards).	£0.10
Waiting time 11.60 seconds	£0.10

### **Tariff 4:**

For hiring's begun between 22:00 24<sup>th</sup> December and 06:00 27<sup>th</sup> December and between 22:00 on 31<sup>st</sup> December and midnight on 1<sup>st</sup> January (no extras)

First 495 yards or 1 minutes and 56 seconds.	£5.60
Each subsequent 84.7 yards. (Equates to £4.156 per mile after 495 yards).	£0.20
Waiting time 19.8 seconds	£0.20

### **Miscellaneous extras:**

For each additional passenger above one per journey	£0.30
For items carried outside the passenger compartment	£0.20
Each bicycle, push chair or perambulator	£0.20
Each other parcel or item of luggage	£0.20
Soiling charge - a reasonable charge may be levied to a <b>maximum</b> of:	£65.00

YARDS

	2020		Proposed 2022	Clicks Per Mile	% Rise Per Mile	
Initial Distance	610		625			
Pull Off	£3.30		£3.60			154.0493
Click Distance	76.9	22.89	71	24.79		
Click Amount	£0.10	<b>£2.289</b>	£0.10	<b>£2.479</b>	8.31%	
Waitng tme	19.00		17.50			
Time Per	£0.10		£0.10			
Initial Distance	740		700			
Pull Off	£4.50		£4.80			194.6746
Click Distance	53.7	32.77	50.7	34.71		T1 - T2
Click Amount	£0.10	<b>£3.277</b>	£0.10	<b>£3.471</b>	5.92%	40.04%
Waitng tme	14.95		14.10			
Time Per	£0.10		£0.10			
Initial Distance	485		410			
Pull Off	£4.40		£4.70			66.42458
Click Distance	77.4	22.74	71.6	24.58		
Click Amount	£0.10	<b>£2.274</b>	£0.10	<b>£2.458</b>	8.10%	
Waitng tme	12.60		11.60			
Time Per	£0.10		£0.10			
Initial Distance	540		495			
Pull Off	£5.40		£5.60			115.7143
Click Distance	88.8	19.82	84.7	20.78		T - T4
Click Amount	£0.20	<b>£3.964</b>	£0.20	<b>£4.156</b>	4.84%	67.65%
Waitng tme	20.70		19.80			
Time Per	£0.20		£0.20			

TABLE  
COLOUR CODE

RISE IN 2022

RISE IN 2021

RISE IN 2020

RISE IN 2019

RISE IN 2018

RISE IN 2017

RISE IN 2016

RISE IN 2015

RISE IN 2014

RISE IN 2013

RISE IN 2012

RISE IN 2011

RISE IN 2010

RISE IN 2009

RISE IN 2008

NO SET FARE

# The Bryan Roland Memorial

## NATIONAL HACKNEY FARES TABLE FEBRUARY 2022

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)	£11.40	66	HARBOROUGH	£6.68	131	SOUTH HOLLAND	£6.30
2	LUTON AIRPORT	£9.70	67	ARUN	£6.60	132	FOREST OF DEAN	£6.27
3	EPSOM & EWELL	£8.60	68	BASINGSTOKE & DEANE	£6.60	133	BABERGH	£6.26
4	LONDON	£8.60	69	BRACKNELL FOREST	£6.60	134	MIDLOTHIAN	£6.22
5	WATFORD (x)	£8.40	70	BRENTWOOD	£6.60	135	ARGYLL & BUTE	£6.20
6	UTTLESFORD	£8.30	71	CAMBRIDGE CITY	£6.60	136	BIRMINGHAM	£6.20
7	READING	£8.00	72	EAST DORSET	£6.60	137	BRAINTREE	£6.20
8	GUILDFORD	£7.60	73	EAST SUFFOLK (NORTH)	£6.60	138	CHICHESTER	£6.20
9	KERRIER	£7.60	74	EXETER	£6.60	139	DAVENTRY	£6.20
10	OXFORD CITY	£7.60	75	HARLOW	£6.60	140	DERBY	£6.20
11	JERSEY	£7.43	76	HIGH PEAK	£6.60	141	EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£6.20
12	BCP	£7.20	77	MEDWAY	£6.60	142	EAST SUFFOLK (SOUTH)	£6.20
13	BRIGHTON & HOVE	£7.40	78	MORAY (x)	£6.60	143	FOLKESTONE & HYTHE	£6.20
14	CHELTHAM	£7.40	79	NORTH HERTS	£6.60	144	HORSHAM	£6.20
15	MAIDSTONE	£7.40	80	NORWICH	£6.60	145	NORTHAMPTON	£6.20
16	MID SUSSEX	£7.40	81	PLYMOUTH	£6.60	146	NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE	£6.20
17	CARRICK	£7.30	82	RUNNYMEDE	£6.60	147	PORTSMOUTH UA	£6.20
18	GUERNSEY	£7.30	83	SCARBOROUGH	£6.60	148	ROCHFORD	£6.20
19	BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET	£7.20	84	SHETLAND ISLES	£6.60	149	SOLIHULL	£6.20
20	TORRIDGE	£7.20	85	SOUTH CAMBRIDGE	£6.60	150	SOUTHAMPTON	£6.20
21	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	£7.20	86	SOUTH GLOUCESTER	£6.60	151	SPELTHORNE	£6.20
22	YORK	£7.20	87	TEIGNBRIDGE	£6.60	152	ST ALBANS	£6.20
23	CHELMSFORD	£7.10	88	NORTH DEVON	£6.55	153	STRATFORD ON AVON	£6.20
24	DARTFORD	£7.10	89	ASHFORD	£6.50	154	WEST OXFORD	£6.20
25	DOVER	£7.10	90	DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL	£6.50	155	WINCHESTER	£6.20
26	MOLE VALLEY	£7.10	91	HUNTINGDONSHIRE	£6.50	156	CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE	£6.13
27	PENWITH	£7.10	92	LUTON	£6.50	157	ABERDEENSHIRE	£6.10
28	SEVENOAKS	£7.06	93	SOUTH SOMERSET	£6.50	158	CARDIFF	£6.10
29	EAST LOTHIAN	£7.00	94	WORTHING	£6.50	159	CLACKMANNAN	£6.10
30	EDINBURGH	£7.00	95	BRISTOL	£6.40	160	EAST HERTS	£6.10
31	HARROGATE	£7.00	96	CANTERBURY	£6.40	161	ELMBRIDGE	£6.10
32	HERTSMERE	£7.00	97	COUNTY OF HEREFORD	£6.40	162	FYLDE	£6.10
33	STROUD	£7.00	98	CREWE & NANTWICH	£6.40	163	NEW FOREST	£6.10
34	TONBRIDGE & MALLING	£7.00	99	EAST HAMPSHIRE	£6.40	164	NORTH WARWICK	£6.10
35	WELWYN HATFIELD	£7.00	100	EAST LINDSEY	£6.40	165	SOUTH AYRSHIRE	£6.10
36	WILTSHIRE	£7.00	101	HASTINGS	£6.40	166	TAMWORTH	£6.10
37	RESTORMEL	£6.95	102	IPSWICH	£6.40	167	SELBY	£6.06
38	COLCHESTER	£6.90	103	LEEDS	£6.40	168	CHARNWOOD	£6.05
39	EASTBOURNE	£6.90	104	LINCOLN	£6.40	169	SCOTTISH BORDERS	£6.05
40	VALE OF WHITE HORSE	£6.90	105	MALVERN HILLS	£6.40	170	ABERDEEN CITY	£6.00
41	WEALDON	£6.90	106	MELTON	£6.40	171	BASILDON	£6.00
42	WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	£6.90	107	MID SUFFOLK	£6.40	172	BLACKPOOL	£6.00
43	ADUR	£6.80	108	NORTH KESTEVEN	£6.40	173	BOSTON	£6.00
44	CARMARTHENSHIRE	£6.80	109	PURBECK	£6.40	174	BROXTOWE	£6.00
45	CARADON	£6.80	110	RUSHMOOR	£6.40	175	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	£6.00
46	EAST DEVON	£6.80	111	SHEFFIELD	£6.40	176	CASTLE POINT	£6.00
47	FIFE	£6.80	112	SHROPSHIRE	£6.40	177	CONWY	£6.00
48	GLASGOW	£6.80	113	SOUTHEND ON SEA	£6.40	178	EAST AYRSHIRE	£6.00
49	GRAVESHAM	£6.80	114	SOUTH LAKELAND	£6.40	179	EAST STAFFORDSHIRE	£6.00
50	HART (x)	£6.80	115	STEVENAGE	£6.40	180	GLOUCESTER	£6.00
51	MENDIP	£6.80	116	SURREY HEATH	£6.40	181	GREAT YARMOUTH	£6.00
52	NORTH CORNWALL	£6.80	117	TENDRING	£6.40	182	GWYNEDD	£6.00
53	NOTTINGHAM	£6.80	118	WAVERLEY	£6.40	183	ISLE OF WIGHT	£6.00
54	SEDGEMOOR	£6.80	119	WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD	£6.40	184	KETTERING	£6.00
55	SOMERSET WEST & TAUNTON	£6.80	120	WOKING	£6.40	185	KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK	£6.00
56	SWALE	£6.80	121	WOKINGHAM	£6.40	186	MILTON KEYNES	£6.00
57	WEST BERKSHIRE	£6.80	122	NEWARK & SHERWOOD	£6.32	187	NORTH DORSET	£6.00
58	NUNEATON & BEDWORTH	£6.75	123	BLACKBURN	£6.30	188	PETERBOROUGH	£6.00
59	TORBAY	£6.75	124	BURY	£6.30	189	PRESTON	£6.00
60	CHESTER	£6.70	125	COTSWOLD (y)	£6.30	190	RYEDALE	£6.00
61	CRAWLEY	£6.70	126	COVENTRY	£6.30	191	SLOUGH	£6.00
62	EASTLEIGH	£6.70	127	DACORUM	£6.30	192	SOUTH HAMS	£6.00
63	NORTH SOMERSET	£6.70	128	ISLE OF MAN	£6.30	193	SOUTH TYNESIDE	£6.00
64	ROTHER	£6.70	129	LEWES	£6.30	194	STOCKPORT	£6.00
65	SWINDON	£6.70	130	PEMBROKESHIRE	£6.30	195	TAMESIDE	£6.00

POSITION	TARIFF ONE COUNCIL	TWO MILE FARE	POSITION	TARIFF ONE COUNCIL	TWO MILE FARE	POSITION	TARIFF ONE COUNCIL	TWO MILE FARE
196	TEST VALLEY (x)	£6.00	261	BRECKLAND	£5.60	326	CONGLETON	£5.10
197	THREE RIVERS	£6.00	262	DENBIGHSHIRE	£5.60	327	GATESHEAD	£5.10
198	THURROCK	£6.00	263	GOSPORT	£5.60	328	SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE	£5.10
199	VALE OF GLAMORGAN	£6.00	264	HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	£5.60	329	COPELAND	£5.00
200	WARWICK	£6.00	265	LIVERPOOL	£5.60	330	EAST NORTHANTS	£5.00
201	WEST DORSET	£6.00	266	NEWPORT	£5.60	331	KIRKLEES	£5.00
202	WEST LINDSEY	£6.00	267	NORTH WEST LEICESTER	£5.60	332	NORTH LANARKSHIRE	£5.00
203	WIRRAL	£6.00	268	RICHMONDSHIRE	£5.60	333	ROCHDALE	£5.00
204	DARLINGTON	£5.95	269	RUSHCLIFFE	£5.60	334	ROSSENDALE	£5.00
205	BASSETLAW	£5.90	270	SANDWELL	£5.60	335	SOUTH NORTHANTS	£5.00
206	BROXBOURNE	£5.90	271	SUNDERLAND	£5.60	336	STOKE-ON-TRENT UA	£4.95
207	DUDLEY	£5.90	272	WEST LOTHIAN (x)	£5.60	337	CORBY	£4.90
208	KINGSTON-UPON-HULL	£5.90	273	WOLVERHAMPTON (x)	£5.60	338	MIDDLESBROUGH	£4.90
209	MANCHESTER	£5.90	274	WREXHAM	£5.60	339	TELFORD & WREKIN	£4.90
210	NORTHUMBERLAND	£5.90	275	CHERWELL	£5.56	340	WELLINGBOROUGH	£4.90
211	STAFFORD	£5.90	276	NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	£5.55	341	WESTERN ISLES (x)	£4.85
212	TANDBRIDGE	£5.90	277	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY	£5.50	342	ASHFIELD	£4.80
213	WALSALL	£5.90	278	EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE	£5.50	343	DERBYSHIRE DALES	£4.80
214	CALDERDALE	£5.85	279	EDEN	£5.50	344	HARTLEPOOL	£4.80
215	TEWKESBURY	£5.85	280	EPHING FOREST	£5.50	345	HYNDBURN	£4.70
216	BARNSELY	£5.80	281	EREWASH	£5.50	346	WEST LANCASHIRE	£4.70
217	BARROW IN FURNESS	£5.80	282	FALKIRK	£5.50	347	BOLSOVER	£4.60
218	BEDFORD	£5.80	283	HAMBLETON	£5.50	348	BURNLEY	£4.50
219	BRIDGEND	£5.80	284	MERTHYR TYDFIL	£5.50	349	REDCAR & CLEVELAND	£4.50
220	BROMSGROVE	£5.80	285	OLDHAM	£5.50	350	STOCKTON ON TEES	£4.50
221	CARLISLE	£5.80	286	TORFAEN	£5.50	351	OADBY & WIGSTON	£4.40
222	EAST KILBRIDE (x)	£5.80	287	CEREDIGION	£5.46	352	PENDLE	£4.40
223	FAREHAM	£5.80	288	NEATH PORT TALBOT	£5.46	353	MALDON	£
224	FLINTSHIRE	£5.80	289	SALFORD	£5.46	354	RUTLAND	£
225	HALTON	£5.80	290	ALLERDALE	£5.45	355	SOUTH DERBYSHIRE	£
226	HAVANT	£5.80	291	CAERPHILLY	£5.40	356	SOUTH NORFOLK	£
227	HIGHLAND (x)	£5.80	292	CLYDEBANK	£5.40	357	SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE	£
228	LANCASTER	£5.80	293	DUNBARTON & VALE OF LEVEN (x)	£5.40	358	WEST DEVON	£
229	LEICESTER	£5.80	294	ELLESMERE PORT	£5.40			
230	LICHFIELD	£5.80	295	MACCLESFIELD	£5.40			
231	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	£5.80	296	PERTH & KINROSS	£5.40			
232	NORTHERN IRELAND	£5.80	297	POWYS	£5.40			
233	NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	£5.80	298	ROTHERHAM	£5.40			
234	NORTH NORFOLK	£5.80	299	THANET	£5.40			
235	NORTH TYNESIDE	£5.80	300	WYCHAVON	£5.40			
236	ORKNEY (x)	£5.80	301	MANSFIELD	£5.35			
237	REIGATE & BANSTEAD	£5.80	302	INVERCLYDE	£5.34			
238	RUGBY	£5.80	303	CRAVEN (x)	£5.30			
239	RUTHERGLEN (x)	£5.80	304	EAST RENFREW	£5.30			
240	SEFTON	£5.80	305	FENLAND (x)	£5.30			
241	SOUTH RIBBLE	£5.80	306	NORTH AYRSHIRE	£5.30			
242	TRAFFORD	£5.80	307	REDDITCH	£5.30			
243	WEST SUFFOLK	£5.80	308	RIBBLE VALLEY	£5.30			
244	WORCESTER	£5.80	309	SOUTH KESTEVEN	£5.30			
245	WYRE	£5.80	310	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE (Clydesdale)	£5.30			
246	YNS MON	£5.80	311	ST HELENS	£5.30			
247	CHESTERFIELD	£5.75	312	VALE ROYAL	£5.30			
248	DONCASTER	£5.75	313	WIGAN	£5.30			
249	NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE	£5.75	314	WYRE FOREST	£5.30			
250	ANGUS	£5.70	315	BLABY	£5.24			
251	CANNOCK CHASE	£5.70	316	AMBER VALLEY	£5.20			
252	GEDLING	£5.70	317	BLAENAU GWENT	£5.20			
253	MID DEVON	£5.70	318	BOLTON	£5.20			
254	MONMOUTHSHIRE	£5.70	319	EAST RIDING	£5.20			
255	RENFREWSHIRE	£5.70	320	HAMILTON (x)	£5.20			
256	STIRLING (x)	£5.70	321	KNOWSLEY	£5.20			
257	SWANSEA	£5.70	322	RHONDDA CYNON TAFF	£5.20			
258	WARRINGHAM	£5.70	323	STAFFS MOORLANDS	£5.20			
259	DUNDEE CITY	£5.66	324	WAKEFIELD	£5.20			
260	BRADFORD	£5.60	325	CHORLEY	£5.10			

TABLE COLOUR CODE
RISE IN 2022
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NO SET FARE

Councils in positions 353-358 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 £6.08**

**PLEASE NOTE**

The eagle-eyed amongst you will notice that our hackney fares table has reduced by a further one tariff this month as Taunton Deane and West Somerset have amalgamated under the banner of Somerset West & Taunton.

The councils of Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, South Bucks and Wycombe have now amalgamated to form Buckinghamshire.

The councils of Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire have now merged to form a new administrative council of West Northamptonshire.

The councils of Corby, East Northants, Kettering and Wellingborough have now merged to form North Northants. However the original councils still retain their individual tariffs.

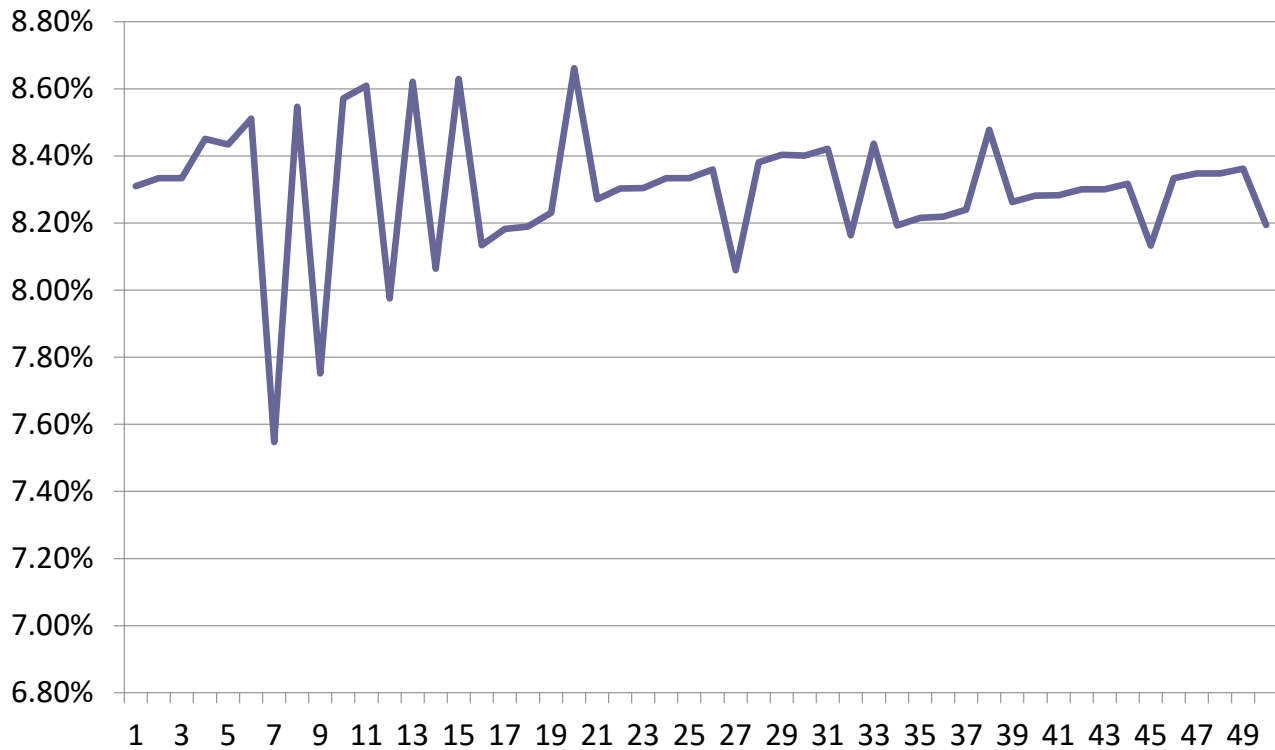
Where an (x) appears by a listing, a fare update has been passed by the council, but our fare has not increased.

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.

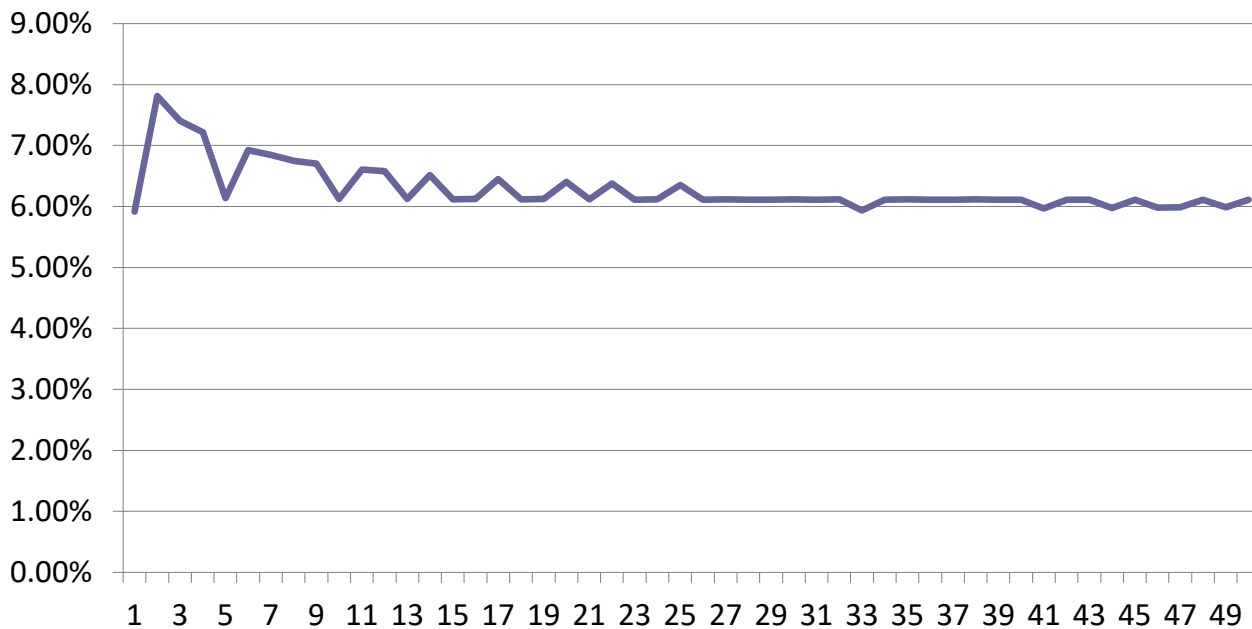
**The Bryan Roland Memorial  
NATIONAL HACKNEY FARES TABLE  
FEBRUARY 2022**

# Tariff Rise 2022

## Tariff 1, % Increase vs Miles



## Tariff 2, % Increase vs Miles





## **Levelling Up/Future financing**

As you may be aware the taxi trade are proposing to introduce a new tariff request to cater for the exceptional increase in our business and personal overheads, in particular fuel.

The regulatory committee as always will judge our request by its merits.

However, there is potentially another aspect to the tariff structure that we would like to share with you, that looks to level up the playing field between running a Saloon Vehicle (SV) to that of a Multi Seater/Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle. (MS/WAV)

### **Current Situation**

At present, there is a huge disparity in the cost purchasing and running a SV and a MS/WAV. The purchasing price alone for a MS/MAV is double that of a saloon (£35,000-£45,000 + finance, upto £65,000 for electric vehicles. SV's starting at £15,000)

Buying second hand vehicle offers little appeal either, where MS/WAV would be £20,000 and a Saloon £7,000

Due to the larger size and weight, fuel costs are much higher for MS/WAV and maintenance costs higher too, with more features such as wheelchair ramps, autolocking doors, requiring maintenance as well as higher general costs of parts for commercial vehicles.

The financial burden of owning a MS/WAV will only get worse with the trade moving to more emission friendly specs to the utopia of fully electric vehicles.

Although the costs of purchasing and running an MS/WAV vehicle are almost double, there is very little chance of earning any more from the vehicle (30p-60p in extras when the vehicle is used at full capacity.

To ensure Local Authorities have the appropriate number of taxis on the circuit and enough provision of wheelchair accessible vehicles we need to find a solution to funding.

It is quite clear that license holders are feeling the pinch when licensing a MS/WAV. In the past couple of years 30 vehicles in Chelmsford have been lost with vehicle licences (plates) being handed back. It's no coincidence that all the plates that were handed back were WAV. Not one single saloon suffered. In hard times, to many they are not financially viable

### **Proposal**

Currently the way all tariffs work throughout the UK is that the more passengers that travel, the cheaper each individual passenger would effectively pay.

We would like to propose that an additional tariff be introduced, whereby if five or six passengers travel in a MS/WAV that the fare be increased by 50%. If the vehicle was used for one to four passengers the fare tariff would remain the same. I have added an example of this in the appendix at the end.

As an example, should a MS/WAV undertake a five mile journey at Rate 1, it would increase the price by £7, at Rate 2 it would increase it by £10  
Three extra 5/6 seater journeys on Fri/Sat evenings at Rate 2 and six on the remaining days of the week at Rate 1 would increase the drivers weekly earnings by £72.

Based on a 48 week year and sensible working hours this would increase annual income by £3456, less tax. This amount, over a number of years, would go a long way to meeting extra running costs and savings for a new vehicle

It is worthy to note that most journeys for taxi drivers are 1-4 passengers, five to six passengers are much less common.

### Summary

1. There is currently a clear, unfair, cost differentiation between a licensed holder of a Saloon car and a MS/WAV vehicle on the purchase price and running costs.
2. We are requesting to look at parity on the price per person of 4 to 6 passengers
3. Appreciate and accept future funding of MS/WAV will greatly reduce the fleet of taxis in Chelmsford and that of MS/WAV
4. Due to a huge loss in revenue throughout COVID this has greatly affected savings to purchase a replacement vehicle and access to credit (lease purchase) leading to negative credit reference reports.

### Appendix

The proposed Tarff for your approval suggests the following,

#### Current Tariff Rate 1 (Day time) based on a 5 mile journey

1 to 4 passengers

Starting meter price £3.30 for first 610 yards, then £1.50 for the next 1150 yards, then £2.29 a mile.

Total £13.95

£3.49 per passenger based on 4 passengers

6 passengers would be

£2.32 per passenger based on 6 passengers

#### Proposed Tariff Rate 1 (Day time) for 5/6 passengers

To consider the fair levelling-up as previously highlighted, the trade propose that all MS/WAV when 5 or 6 passengers passenger travel to charge the vehicle at a rate of 1.5 (50% more) than a Saloon.

We suggest £4.95 for 610 yards, £2.24 for next 1150 yards and then £3.44 a mile.

Total £20.95 (as opposed to £13.95 Saloon)

£3.49 per passenger based on 6 people

You will immediately note the price would be the same per passenger than that of 4 people travelling in a Saloon

**Current Tariff Rate 2 (after 11pm) based on a 5 mile journey**

1 to 4 passengers

Starting meter price £4.50 for first 740 yards, then £1.90 for the next 1020 yards, then £3.28 a mile.

Total £19.51

£4.88 per passenger based on 4 passengers

6 passengers would be

£3.25 per passenger based on 6 passengers

**Proposed Tariff Rate 2 (after 11pm) for 5/6 passengers**

To consider the fair levelling-up as previously highlighted, the trade propose that all MS/WAV when 5 or 6 passengers passenger travel to charge the vehicle at a rate of 1.5 (50% more) than a Saloon.

We suggest £6.75 for 740 yards, £2.85 for next 1020 yards and then £4.92 a mile

Total £29.26 (as opposed to £13.95 Saloon)

£4.87 per passenger based on 6 people

Again the price would be the same per passenger than that of 4 people travelling in a Saloon

**Alternative View**

As an alternative view should 6 passengers travel in 2 x 4 seaters vehicles the cost would be £27.90

1 MS/WAV 6 seater on the new tariff would charge £20.95

The compassion above is based one calculation on Tariff 1.

The same outcome (6 passengers pay no more than 4 passengers in a Saloon) occurs on Tariff 2,3 and 4 remains.

## **Chelmsford Hackney Carriage Fares Tariff (A) 2022**

### **Hackney Carriage Fares (YARDS) – UP TO 4 PASSENGERS**

#### **Tariff 1a:**

*06:00 to 23:00 Monday to Saturday (excluding public holiday)*

First 625 yards or 2 minutes and 34 seconds (pull off)	£3.60
Each subsequent 71.0 yards. (Equates to £2.479 per mile after 625 yards)	£0.10
Waiting time per 17.5 seconds	£0.10

#### **Tariff 2a:**

*23:00 to 06:00 daily and anytime on public holidays (all day) 18:00 to 22:00 Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve*

First 700 yards or 3 minutes and 15 seconds (pull off)	£4.80
Each subsequent 50.7 yards (Equates to £3.471 per mile after 700 yards)	£0.10
Waiting time per 14.10 seconds	£0.10

#### **Tariff 3a:**

*06:00 to 23:00 Sundays*

First 410 yards or 1 minute and 17 seconds. (pull off)	£4.70
Each subsequent 71.6 yards (Equates to £2.458 per mile after 410 yards)	£0.10
Waiting time 11.60seconds	£0.10

#### **Tariff 4a:**

*For hiring's begun between 22:00 24<sup>th</sup> December and 06:00 27<sup>th</sup> December and between 22:00 on 31<sup>st</sup> December and midnight on 1<sup>st</sup> January (no extras)*

First 495 yards or 1 minutes and 56 seconds. (pull off)	£5.60
Each subsequent 84.7 yards (Equates to £4.156per mile after 495 yards)	£0.20
Waiting time 19.8 seconds	£0.20

#### **Miscellaneous extras:**

For each additional passenger above one per journey	£0.30
For items carried outside the passenger compartment	£0.20
Each bicycle, push chair or perambulator	£0.20
Each other parcel or item of luggage	£0.20
Spoilage charge-a reasonable charge may be levied to a <b>maximum</b> of:	£65.00

## **Chelmsford Hackney Carriage Fares Tariff (B) 2022**

### **Hackney Carriage Fares (YARDS) – 5/6 PASSENGERS (NOT APPLICABLE TO WHEELCHAIR USERS AND CARERS)**

#### **Tariff 1b:**

*6:00 to 23:00 Monday to Saturday (excluding public holiday)*

Time and yardage as above (pull off)	£5.40
Each subsequent 71.0 yards ((Equates to £3.440 per mile after 625 yards)	£0.15
Waiting time as above	£0.15

#### **Tariff 2b:**

*23:00 to 06:00 daily and anytime on public holidays (all day) 18:00 to 22:00 Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve*

Time and yardage as above (pull off)	£7.20
Each subsequent 50.70 yards (Equates to £5.207 per mile after 700 yards)	£0.15
Waiting time as above	£0.15

#### **Tariff 3b:**

*06:00 to 23:00 Sundays*

Time and yardage as above (pull off)	£7.05
Each subsequent 71.6 yards (Equates to £3.440 per mile after 410 yards)	£0.15
Waiting time as above	£0.15

#### **Tariff 4b:**

*For hiring's begun between 22:00 24<sup>th</sup> December and 06:00 27<sup>th</sup> December and between 22:00 on 31<sup>st</sup> December and midnight on 1<sup>st</sup> January (no extras)*

Time and yardage as above (pull off)	£7.05
Each subsequent 71.6 yards (Equates to £3.440 per mile after 410 yards)	£0.15
Waiting time as above	£0.15

#### **Miscellaneous extras:**

For each additional passenger above one per journey	£0.30
For items carried outside the passenger compartment	£0.20
Each bicycle, push chair or perambulator	£0.20
Each other parcel or item of luggage	£0.20
Spoilage charge-a reasonable charge may be levied to a <b>maximum</b> of:	£65.00



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## Chelmsford City Council Regulatory Committee

**DATE: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

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### **TAXI CRIMINAL CONVICTION POLICY AMENDMENT**

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#### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to amend the current Convictions Policy that is a supporting document to the Taxi Policy and include reference convictions in respect of the use of handheld devices.

#### Recommendations

Members are asked to agree adding this matter to our existing convictions policy as directed by the Department for Transport (DfT) Statutory Standards issued July 2020.

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### 1. Background and Information

#### DfT Statutory Standards

- 1.1 The DfT Statutory Standards issued in July 2020 directed the Council's current Taxi Licensing Policy and updated the Criminal Convictions Policy which is applicable when determining applications for Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle drivers licences where criminal convictions (including motoring convictions) are disclosed.

- 1.2 The DfT recommends that the Criminal Conviction Policy should include reference to where an applicant has been convicted of using a handheld device whilst driving. At Annex C on page 36 of that document the DfT require a conviction policy to include as follows:

'Using a hand-held device whilst driving

Where an applicant has a conviction for using a held-hand mobile telephone or a hand-held device whilst driving, a licence will not be granted until at least five years have elapsed since the conviction or completion of any sentence or driving ban imposed, whichever is the later.'

- 1.3 The content and implications are self-explanatory and assist officers in determining whether a licence should be issued or not, without further reference to the Regulatory Committee. The same applies in respect of convictions for other serious offences such as drink driving.

## 2. Options

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to agree an inclusion to the current Criminal Convictions Policy (as a supplementary policing of the Taxi Licensing Policy) relating to convictions for using hand-held devices whilst driving:

'Using a hand-held device whilst driving

*Where an applicant has a conviction for using a held-hand mobile telephone or a hand-held device whilst driving, a licence will not be granted until at least five years have elapsed since the conviction or completion of any sentence or driving ban imposed, whichever is the later.'*

### Background reading:

Taxi Licensing Policy - Convictions Policy

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## Corporate Implications

Legal/Constitutional: DfT Statutory Standards 2020

Financial: None

Potential impact on climate change and the environment: None

Contribution toward achieving a net zero carbon position by 2030: None

Personnel: None.

Risk Management: None

Equality and Diversity: None

Health and Safety: None

Digital: None

Other: None