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Dover District Council
Licensing Committee
c/o 'Paul James
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Council Offices
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28th January 2020

Re: Review of the Hackney Carriage Fare Scale

I am writing in response to a request made by Paul James, Licensing Enforcement Officer today for further supporting evidence for the Licensing Committee to consider an increase in the Hackney Carriage Fare Scale at their next meeting. The last increase I understand was in 2012.

I fully support an increase in the Hackney Carriage Fare Scale due to the following cost factors:-

- Increase in petrol / diesel prices;
- Retail Price Index (RPI);
- Cost of insurance;
- Servicing costs;
- Bring into line with neighbouring council fares;
- Support the introduction of lower or no emission vehicles.

With regard to the current fees, Dover District Council's fee of £6.00 based upon a two-mile journey is rated 163 out of a listed 363 local authorities (as of 28th January 2020). Last year's position was 143 out of 363. The comparison with respects to other Kent Councils:

No.	2 Mile Fare	Council
1	£7.20	Tunbridge Wells
2	£7.10	Dartford
3	£7.06	Sevenoaks
4	£7.00	Tonbridge & Malling
5	£6.80	Swale
6	£6.70	Gravesham
7	£6.60	Medway
8/9	£6.50	Maidstone
8/9	£6.50	Ashford
10	£6.40	Canterbury
11	£6.20	Folkestone and Hythe
12	£6.00	Dover
13	£5.40	Thanet

Please refer to Private Hire and Taxi monthly fare league tables at <https://www.phtm.co.uk/taxi-fares-league-tables>

According to the AA Fuel Price report (December 2019):

Unleaded prices have dropped 1.1p, from 126.6 p/litre last month to 125.5 p/litre now

Diesel prices have dropped 0.8p from 130.4 p/litre to 129.6 p/litre

The price difference between diesel and unleaded has increased to 4.1 p/litre

“London and the South East have recorded the highest price for unleaded at 126.5 p/litre. Northern Ireland has recorded the lowest price for unleaded at 123.2 p/litre. The South East has recorded the highest diesel price at 130.8 p/litre. Northern Ireland has the cheapest diesel at 126.9 p/litre”

Compare this to the January 2016 report (the latest AA fuel report available online)

“Unleaded prices have dropped 2.2p from 104.4ppl to 102.2 ppl. Diesel prices have fallen back 5.1p from 107.7 ppl to 102.6 ppl”.

Please refer to the AA fuel report (December 2019) <http://www.theaa.com/driving-advice/driving-costs/fuel-prices>

According to the latest data from the MoneySupermarket car insurance premiums rose steeply in the fourth quarter of 2019. The rise of 6.56% in the 3 months to December took the average cost from £472 to £523, however MoneySupermarket reports that year on year there has been a decline with typical premiums at the end of 2018 were at £527.

It should be noted that the figures are general car insurance are not specific to taxi insurance premiums. No such reliable data is available however my own experience is that premiums have increased significantly.

The report can be accessed here <https://www.moneysupermarket.com/car-insurance/price-comparison-index/>

According to the Office for National Statistics, RPI over the last 12 months stands at 2.2% (December to December).

Yours sincerely,



Lyndon Jon Martinez

On behalf of Cinque Ports Hackney Carriage Federation

Hire Price is the minimum charge for the first distance

Hire Price	yards	Unit price	the unit price times by the units per mile increases the fare										
			1 mile	2 mile	3 mile	4 mile	5 mile	6 mile	7 mile	8 mile	9 mile	10 mile	
2007	2.50	0.10	14 units to mile	1.40	2.80	4.20	5.60	7.00	8.40	9.80	11.20	12.60	14.00
2008	3.00	0.10	15 units to mile	1.50	3.00	4.50	6.00	7.50	9.00	10.50	12.00	13.50	15.00
2012	3.30	0.10	15 units to mile	1.50	3.00	4.50	6.00	7.50	9.00	10.50	12.00	13.50	15.00
2019	3.30	0.10	15 units to mile	1.50	3.00	4.50	6.00	7.50	9.00	10.50	12.00	13.50	15.00
2019	3.40	0.10	17 units to mile	1.70	3.40	5.10	6.80	8.50	10.20	11.90	13.60	15.30	17.00
			103.5 yards	13.30%	13.30%	13.30%	13.30%	13.30%	13.30%	13.30%	13.30%	13.30%	13.30%

2008 to 2019 = 11 years with no fare increase
 13.3% divide by 11 years = 1.2% a year

Hackney Carriage Authorised Fares – October 2014

Mileage **TARIFF 1**

- (i) For any journey up to 220 yards (201 metres) £2:60
- (ii) For each additional 98 yards (89.61 metres) 10p

Mileage **TARIFF 2**

For hiring's commenced between 11pm and 7 am Monday to Friday and from 11pm Saturday until 07.00 Monday.

From 6 pm until 11pm on **Christmas Eve** and 6pm and 11pm on 31 December and Bank Holidays
..... **Tariff 1 plus 50%**

Mileage **TARIFF 3**

For hiring's commenced between 11pm on Christmas Eve until 7 am on 27 December and from 11 pm on 31 December until 7 am on 2 January **Tariff 1 plus 100%**

EXTRA CHARGES (All three Tariffs)

Waiting/Loading Time

For each period of **3 minutes or uncompleted part thereof** (£20 per hour) £1:00

INTERNAL FOULING TO A MAXIMUM OF..... £100

Please note that any passenger fouling the vehicle is liable to civil action by the driver for loss of earnings through the civil court.

ADDITIONAL PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE

That an additional charge of **20p** be made for **passengers in excess of one**. (Two children below the age of 12 years to be counted as one adult). **20p** be charged for **every article of luggage** or part thereof **carried inside and outside the passenger compartment**.

It is an offence for the proprietor or driver of a Hackney Carriage to demand or take a fare greater than that as authorised above.

Any complaints about this vehicle or driver should be made in writing giving full details and sent to the Deputy Head of Neighbourhood Services, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW

Douglas Rattray
Head of Safer Neighbourhoods
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10p DROPS

CANTERBURY mile £1-79
EXTRAS 20p Person
 20p LUGGAGE

ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL: AUTHORISED FARES FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES 2018/19

Fares for distance or time: Rate 1	£
If the distance does not exceed 680 yards, for the whole distance or for the first 216 seconds of waiting time	2.80
For each subsequent 166.7 yards or uncompleted part thereof	0.20
Or for each subsequent period of 52.9 seconds of waiting time or uncompleted part thereof	0.20
Fares for certain times and days: Rate 2	
a) For each hire commenced between 12 midnight and 7 am	1½ x Rate 1
b) For each hire undertaken on GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER MONDAY, MAY DAY, SPRING BANK HOLIDAY, SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY or any other specifically declared Bank Holiday only.	1½ x Rate 1
Fares for certain times and days: Rate 3	
c) For each hire undertaken on a CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY or NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 x Rate 1
When the holiday charge (b) or (c) is payable the Night Charge (a) is NOT payable.	

Guide to Average Expected Fares for Journey Lengths

2 Miles - £6.40
5 Miles - £12.60
10 Miles - £23.20

Further charges & information detailed overleaf

EXTRAS - up to a maximum of £1.20	
(a) for each person (excluding infants in arms) carried in excess of two persons (two children under 10 years of age count as one person) irrespective of distance.	0.20
Note: For the purposes of counting the number of persons that the vehicle is licensed to carry, children under 10 years of age should each be counted as a person. A babe in arms should not be counted as a person.	
(b) for each article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage	0.05
(c) for perambulators	0.05
(d) for dogs	0.10

Rates calculated by time

When the hirer expresses his desire to engage a hackney carriage by time, then the rate of fare shall be calculated by time, such rate or fare being agreed in advance.

Journeys outside Council's area

Fares to destinations outside the Ashford Borough area may be negotiated prior to commencement of the journey, but the fare charged must not exceed the above tariff. If no such agreement is reached then the meter fare only must be charged.

Complaints

Any Complaints about this vehicle should be made to the Licensing Authority, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL

Further charges & information detailed overleaf

20p DROPS

ASHFORD £2.12 mile

EXTRAS

20p	PERSON
5p	LUGGAGE
5p	PERAMBULATORS
10p	DOGS

METERED AREA 2008

First Mile	£4.20	Per Mile	£1.50	Outside Area	£1.60	<i>Note! These Prices Are Advisory With The Aim Of Uniformity And Fairness</i>	
Town		Dover			Town		Dover
Adisham	£23	£22.60			Deal	£17	£16.80
Alkham	£11	£10.80			Densole	£17	£17.48
Ash	£25	£24.90			Denton	£19	£18.90
Ashford	£37	£37.32			Dover		£0.00
Aylesham	£20	£20.40			Dymchurch	£36	£36.20
Barham	£20	£19.56			East Grinstead	£126	£126.44
Bath	£319	£319.08			Eastbourne	£114	£114.44
Bethersden	£49	£49.00			Eastry	£18	£17.85
Betteshanger	£17	£17.10			Elham	£23	£23.40
Bexhill	£93	£93.16			Elvington	£15	£15.45
Birchington	£38	£37.64			Ewell Minnis	£11	£11.10
Bognor Regis	£198	£197.96			Eythorne	£13	£12.90
Bridge	£25	£24.68			Faversham	£43	£42.92
Brighton	£168	£167.56			Folkestone	£16	£16.36
Broadstairs	£37	£36.52					
Bromley	£110	£110.44			Gillingham	£73	£72.52
Cambridge	£198	£198.12			Gravesend	£89	£89.16
Canterbury	£31	£30.60			Guildford	£154	£154.12
Canterbury (Univ)	£34	£34.12					
Capel	£11	£11.40			Hastings	£84	£83.88
Charing	£46	£46.28			Hawkinge	£15	£14.92
Chatham	£78	£77.96					
Chelmsford	£144	£143.88					
Cheriton	£17	£16.68			Herne Bay	£42	£41.64
Chilham	£36	£36.36			Hythe	£23	£22.60
Clacton on Sea	£207	£206.60			Kingsdown	£13	£13.35
Colchester	£184	£183.56			Langdon (East)	£8	£7.95
Coventry	£292	£292.20			Langdon (West)	£13	£12.90
Crawley	£134	£133.64			Lewes	£175	£174.76
Dartford	£104	£103.72			Littlebourne	£31	£30.76

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Lowestoft	£286	£286.44			Sheerness	£77	£77.48
Luton	£193	£193.32			Shepherswell	£14	£13.80
Lydd	£47	£47.40			Sittingbourne	£54	£53.64
Lydden	£10	£10.20			Southampton	£241	£241.00
Lydden Circuit	£14	£14.25			Southend	£144	£143.56
Lyminge	£31	£30.60			St Albans	£171	£170.92
Maidstone	£67	£66.92			St Margarets Bay	£11	£11.25
Manston	£33	£32.68			St Margarets Village	£10	£9.90
Margate	£37	£37.16			Staplehurst	£79	£79.24
Minster	£32	£31.56			Studdal (east)	£13	£13.35
New Romney	£42	£41.64			Sturry	£33	£32.52
Newhaven	£186	£185.96			Tenterden	£57	£56.68
Nonington	£22	£21.75			Tilbury	£123	£122.60
Northampton	£250	£250.12			Tilmanstone	£16	£15.60
Orpington	£108	£107.72			Tonbridge	£97	£97.00
Oxford	£232	£231.56			Tonbridge Wells	£107	£106.76
Peterborough	£254	£253.80			Walmer	£14	£14.25
Portsmouth	£226	£226.12			Warminster	£279	£279.40
Ramsgate	£33	£32.68			Watford	£181	£181.32
Reading	£202	£202.28			Westgate	£39	£39.24
Reigate	£122	£121.64			Whitstable	£41	£41.48
Ringwold	£12	£11.85			Winchester	£223	£223.08
Rochester	£78	£78.28			Wingham	£26	£25.50
Rye	£65	£64.84			Woolage	£20	£19.88
Salisbury	£253	£253.32			Worth	£20	£19.65
Saltwood	£26	£25.80			Worthing	£182	£181.80
Sandgate	£20	£19.88			Wye	£41	£41.16
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