

## **PROPOSAL FOR AN INCREASE TO THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF BY REDUCING THE YARDAGE.**

### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The Licensing Team received an application from the licensed trade to change the current Hackney Carriage Tariff that has been in place since April 2017. In accordance with the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act, the Licensing Team followed due process and consulted with the trade and the public over the proposals. The final stage of the process is to obtain support from Members to support or reject the proposal.

### **2 DECISION BEING RECOMMENDED**

- 2.1 That an increase to the authorised fare tariff for Hackney carriages is agreed, as set out in Appendix A. In summary, the suggested new taxi tariff includes the following changes:

- Maintain the current starting fare;
- Reduce the yards from 203.83 yards currently to 175 yards (until £8);
- Reduce 152.93 yards currently to 142 yards (after £8);
- Reintroduce the Spoilage Charge at £100.00 (cost of cleaning the vehicle and loss of earnings), and;
- All other fees are to remain the same.

### **3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

#### **The reasons for a proposed increase as set out by the Trade**

- 3.1 The Trade made the request as set out at Appendix A. This outlines the grounds for the proposed amendments to the fares of which the key points are as follows:
- Increases in the cost of running a taxi
  - Increases in general inflation
  - Comparisons to other transportation cost increases
  - Affordability for the customer compared to average wage increases
- 3.2 The detailed fare proposals are set out in the table below:

Distance	Current	Proposed	Difference
Starting Fare	£3.00	£3.00	0 +/-
1 mile (1760 yards)	£4.40	£4.60	+ 20p
3 miles (5280 yards)	£7.80	£8.80	+ £1.00
4 miles (7040 yards)	£10.00	£11.20	+ £1.20
6 miles (10560 yards)	£14.60	£16.20	+ £1.60
10 miles (17600 yards)	£23.80	£26.20	+ £2.40
15 miles (26400 yards)	£35.40	£38.40	+ £3.00
20 miles (35200 yards)	£46.80	£50.80	+ £4.00

- 3.3 The process relating to the proposed fare increase is outlined within the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act. A copy of the process flowchart can be found in Appendix B.

### **Hackney Carriage Drivers Survey Results**

- 3.4 On 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022, the Licensing Team sent an email to all Hackney Carriage drivers outlining the proposal. An online survey was created to record the details of the survey results. Paper copies of the questions were sent to the drivers that did not have a valid email address. The consultation for the online entries concluded on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and the postal entries concluded on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to allow sufficient time for responses.
- 3.5 The survey was sent to 247 drivers. 34% of the drivers responded (85 drivers). The results show that 94.1% of the drivers (80) supported the increase and 5.9% (5) drivers did not feel they could support it.
- 3.6 Based on the result, the survey was taken to the next stage of a public consultation.

### **Public Consultation Survey Results**

- 3.7 The public consultation started on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022 with a press release from the Council's Communications Team. The consultation was open to the members of the public using an online form to collate the responses from the public. The consultation concluded on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to allow the minimum 30-day requirement in legislation.

- 3.8 During the consultation period, the Council received 8 responses from members of the public. A copy of the consultation on the Rochford District Council website is attached as Appendix C.
- 3.9 The survey found 3 of those that responded supported the fare increase and 5 people did not support the change.
- 3.10 The only comment for why they did not support the fare increase were relating to the taxis already being expensive. The comment is listed below:
- 3.11 *“In my experience, Rochford’s taxi fares are already more expensive than similar adjoining districts, especially when considering late night surcharges. Taxis are vital for the elderly community and at such a challenging time with the current cost of living crisis, this in my view is completely inappropriate.*

*A increase in tariffs which just incentives drivers to work less for the same pay. Already ranks are sparse in comparison to pre-Covid and this will just exacerbate the situation.”*

#### 4 STATEMENT FROM THE RECOGNISED TRADE ASSOCIATION

- 4.1 There were no formal comments from the recognised trade association known as the Voice of Reason.

#### 5 SALIENT INFORMATION

##### Comparison with Other Authorities with the County

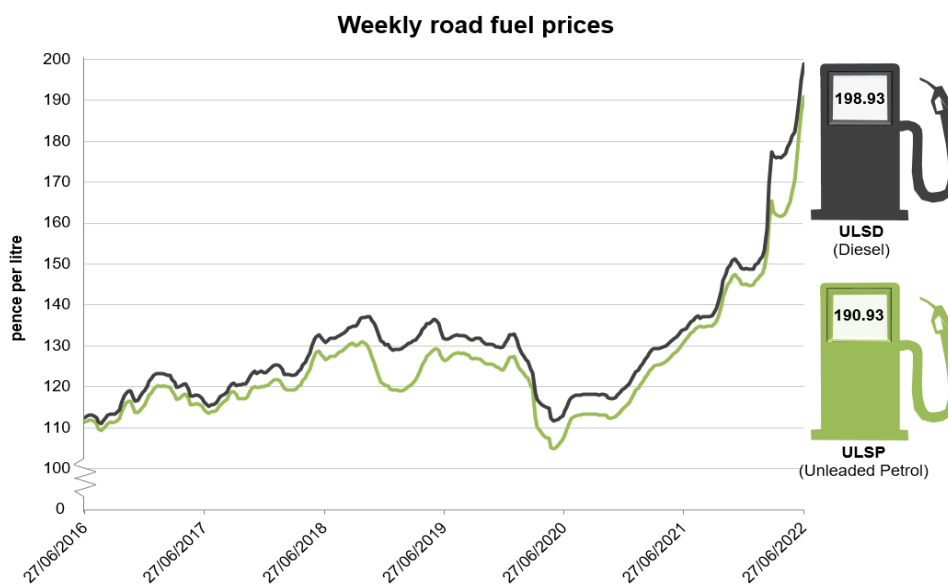
- 5.1 The magazine “Private Hire Taxi” publishes a nationwide fare comparison chart and shown in Appendix D.

Authority	2 Mile Fare	Authority	2 Mile Fare
Uttlesford (2021 last increase)	£8.30	Chelmsford (2020 last increase)	£7.10
Colchester (2021 last increase)	£6.90	Harlow (2020 last increase)	£6.60
Brentwood (2016 last increase)	£6.60	Southend on Sea (2020 last increase)	£6.40
Basildon (2022 last increase)	£6.40	Rochford (2017 last increase)	£6.20 (proposed £6.60)
Braintree (2018 last increase)	£6.20	Thurrock (2012 last increase)	£6.00
Castle Point (2011 last increase)	£6.00	Epping Forrest (2014 last increase)	£5.50

- 5.2 As of June 2022, the current national average is £6.28, Rochford was the 7th most expensive authority within Essex. The proposed increase would make the fare for 2 miles to be £6.60, this would be the same as that of Brentwood who appears to have had a fare tariff in 2016. At present, Uttlesford has the highest 2-mile fare at £8.30 and Epping Forest the lowest at £5.50.

### **Petrol Prices (Source: Office of National Statistics (ONS))**

- 5.3 According to ONS data the cost of unleaded fuel in the first quarter of 2017 (at the time of the last fare increase) was £1.19 per litre. Since this time, the cost of fuel has increased reaching a recent all-time high of £1.91 per litre. This is broadly in line with the Trade's assertion in Appendix A of a rise in unleaded fuel costs from £1.20 per litre in 2017 to £1.87 per litre in April 2022.



The full report can be obtained from <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/oil-and-petroleum-products-weekly-statistics>

### **Consumer Price Index (CPI) (Source: Office of National Statistics (ONS))**

- 5.4 The chart below shows the ONS CPI time series (MM23) data. The chart shows a significant increase since January 2021. This data appears to support the Trade's assertion in Appendix A of an increase in CPI of over 12% since the last fare increase in 2017.

Figure 1: Annual CPIH inflation rate highest since April 1991

CPIH, OOH component and CPI 12-month inflation rates for the last 10 years, UK, May 2012 to May 2022



Source: Office for National Statistics – Consumer price inflation

- 5.5 The latest report can be found here: [\(Consumer price inflation, UK: May 2022\)](#).

## 6 PREVIOUS FARE INCREASE APPLICATIONS

- 6.1 An application by the trade for a fare increase was submitted to the Licensing Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 a copy of the report and minutes can be found using the link below.

<https://rochford.cmis.uk.com/rochford/Meetings/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/4676/Committee/889/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

- 6.2 The Licensing and Appeals Committee refused the fare increase at the time.

- 6.3 In October 2021, the trade proposed an increase of the following:

- Maintain the current starting fare;
- Reduce the yards from currently 203.84 yards to 186 yards (until £8);

- Reduce currently 152.93 yards to 142 (after £8).

6.4 This proposal was withdrawn by the trade and the current proposal was submitted.

## **7 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

7.1 There is an option to refuse the proposed fare increase at this time and give consideration to an increase at a later date. However, consideration should be given to the increase in the cost of living since the last fare increase in 2017.

## **8 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 This decision may impact on vehicle emissions. The environmental impact is unknown; however, the following will need to be considered by Members:-

8.2 If the fare increase is approved, there may be an increase in the hours worked by the licensed trade as they will be earning additional money from the increase.

8.3 Alternatively, there may be a reduction in users of the licensed vehicles due to the increased financial cost to the public and therefore we may see a reduction in vehicle use and reduction in emissions.

## **9 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Licensing staff are required to test 1 in 5 taxi meters on the day of the increase if implemented, to ensure that the meters are calibrated correctly and showing the correct tariff. There are 215 licensed taxis that require their meters to be calibrated and sealed. The meter agents will use the same calibrated chip for each meter type so only 1 in 5 (43 vehicles) will be tested and sealed this will take 15 Minutes per vehicle, the remaining 172 vehicles will be sealed which will take 5 minutes per vehicle. With these figures in mind 6 staff will be required on the day. A taxi may not be used for hire and reward until its meter has been approved and sealed. This work will be delivered within existing resources.

## **10 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and found there to be no impacts (either positive or negative) on protected groups as defined under the Equality Act 2010. This change will impact on all groups within the community.

## **11 RECOMMENDATION**

11.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) That the application by the Trade be determined for a fare increase as outlined within Appendix A to this report taking into account the representations received and the contents of this report. If the Committee is minded to approve the proposed increase:

- (2) That it be agreed that the implementation date of the increased fares be delegated to the Assistant Director, People and Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Licensing, and that this be no later than the end of August 2022.



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**Background Papers:-**

None.

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## STATEMENT

### FOR THE CASE TO RAISE THE TAXI TARRIFF IN THE ROCHFORD DISTRICT

Below states the case for a tariff increase for the taxi trade in the Rochford district council area, and the reasons why it is essential to the trade. The taxi drivers across the district have voted overwhelmingly for an increase in the fares, and we are aware the public consultation has also now been completed.

Please note the last increase in fares in the district was implemented in April 2017, over **5 years ago** which was just 20p per fare as only the flag fall charge was raised, the last time the taxi meters were changed regarding the distance and time was **10 years ago** back in **2012**.

#### 1/ COSTS OF RUNNING A TAXI

The cost of fuel has risen considerably since the last fare increase in April 2017 the average price of diesel in 2017 was **£1.23 per litre**.

The average price of diesel currently (as of 16/06/2022) is at **£1.94 per litre** at a **71p per litre rise** this calculates roughly as a **58%** increase

The average price of unleaded in 2017 was **£1.20 per litre** the average price of unleaded currently (as of 04/04/2022) is at **£1.87 per litre** at a **67p per litre rise** this calculates roughly as a **56%** increase

Information obtained from **RAC FUEL WATCH 16/06/2022**

Fuel is not a taxi driver's only business expense, with rises in taxi insurance, maintenance & repair prices also rising over the past 5 years, the profit margin is decreasing each year, at an unsustainable level, and like every other transportation business it has reached the point that we have to seriously look at passing some of this expense on to our customers, by increasing the fares.

#### 2/INFLATION

Since the last fare increase in 2017 inflation has risen in total by **12.09%**, this is not just affecting the rise in our business expenses, but also our household bills, goods & purchases and our ability to pay.

**One pound since 2017 has lost 11% of its value.**

**One pound since 2012 has lost 21% of its value.**

If for example as a taxi driver you earned £2500 per month in 2017 this means this is now only worth **£2,225** which is a loss of value in your earnings of **£275** per month which over the course of a year is a total loss of **£3,300**.

If you go back to the last significant fare increase in 2012 if you earned £2500 per month in 2012 this means this is only worth **£1,975** per month which over the course of a year is a total loss of **£6,300**.



## 3/ COMPARISONS TO OTHER TRANSPORTATION

On average across the UK, bus drivers & train drivers have had increases in their wages, but with no increases to the taxi fares our wage as taxi drivers has effectively decreased in the Rochford District council area. Both bus & particularly train fares have increased significantly over the past 5 years. This year the Evening Standard published the UK average increases in train fares going back to 2010, taking the last 4 years from that report:•

YEAR	PERCENTAGE INCREASE
2017	+2.3%
2018	+3.4%
2019	+3.1%
2020	<b>+2.7%</b>
2021	+2.6%

**TOTAL INCREASE IN TRAIN FARES SINCE 2017 = + 14.1%**  
**TOTAL INCREASE IN TAXI FARES SINCE 2017 = + 0%**

This highlights that in all other major areas of public transportation and the employees who work in these industries generally have had increases to their wages & the general public have been paying the increasing fares on both buses & trains.

## 4/ AFFORDABILITY FOR THE CUSTOMER

According to the website STATISTA, which tells us about the average earnings in the UK, wages have been rising over the past 5 years and is forecast to continue rising.

YEAR	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
2017	+2.8%
2018	+3.0%
2019	+3.1%
2020	+3.0%
2021	+3.1%

**TOTAL UK AVERAGE WAGE INCREASE SINCE 2017 = + 15%**  
**TOTAL AVERAGE INCREASE IN PROFIT FOR A TAXI DRIVER WORKING IN RDC AREA = 0%**

(this would actually be measured as a minus figure in real terms)

According to THE TIMES 'Money Mentor' STATE PENSIONS have also been rising each year.

YEAR	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
2017/2018	+2.5%
2018/2019	+3.0%
2019/2020	+2.6%
2020/2021	+3.9%
2021/2022	+2.5%

**TOTAL UK STATE PENSION INCREASE SINCE 2017 = +14.5%**

In this section we have established that our customers young or old on average, are earning or receiving around 15% more than they were in 2017.

### 5/PROPOSED INCREASE

In the proposed increase, as an example, currently a fare costing £7.00 would be raised to £7.60, an increase percentage of 8.6%, far below the overall UK average increase in both wages and pensions.

Over the 17 examples listed below ranging from  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile to 20 miles the average increase is 9.5%

I believe this proves affordability to the customers and the proposed increase is still far less of a percentage of their wage than it was 5 years ago in 2017.

Considering the current cost of living crisis, it must be remembered that the fares are the taxi driver's wages after expenses and are obviously not immune from the crisis themselves.

On average the general public have had pay rises, whether it be wages or pensions, over the past 5 years, this will have them in a better position now to cope with the cost-of-living crisis now, than if they had not had those rises, but taxi drivers in the RDC area have not had any such increases since 2017, and nothing significant for **10 YEARS**.

What also must be taken into consideration is how many have left the taxi trade since the pandemic, if the decline in the value of their profit continues, it will be even harder to retain and attract new drivers to the trade, which are desperately needed to service the people who both live, work and visit the area.

### 6/SUMMARY

With the increased prices of fuel, car maintenance, insurance, household bills, goods & services and the rates of inflation overall, in the past 5 years, it must be seriously considered that the taxi fare charges in the Rochford district must be increased as the current rate is clearly unsustainable. In this statement I have compared the taxi trade to other transport industries in both income for the employees and the charges they make to their customers. This statement also looks at the affordability to customers both young & old.

Taking into account that the average increase of the 17 examples of the new proposed rate mentioned below this would be an overall increase of about 9.5% still 2.59% behind the total inflation of the last 5 years since 2017.

According to PHTM (Private Hire & Taxi Monthly) Rochford District council is 137<sup>th</sup> most expensive council in the country, so by no means that expensive compared to the rest of the country. Neighboring council Southend council implemented a fare increase last year, they are 104<sup>th</sup> on the list, the proposed increase would still leave us outside the top 100.

I hope this proposed increase is looked on favorably as we need this, to be able to keep this trade sustainable as a business, while still a reasonable price to our customers and I believe this strikes a fair balance between the two.

## PROPOSED TARRIFF CHANGES 2022

FLAG FALL CHARGE: **£3.00 (NO CHANGE)**

INITIAL YARDAGE FOR FALL FLAG: **440 YARDS (NO CHANGE)**

% OF A MILE/FIRST 2 MINUTES OR COMBINATION OF BOTH

UNIT OF MEASURE OR INCREMENT THERE AFTER: **175 YARDS** (CURRENTLY 203.83 YARDS)

PRICE UNIT: **2 (NO CHANGE)**

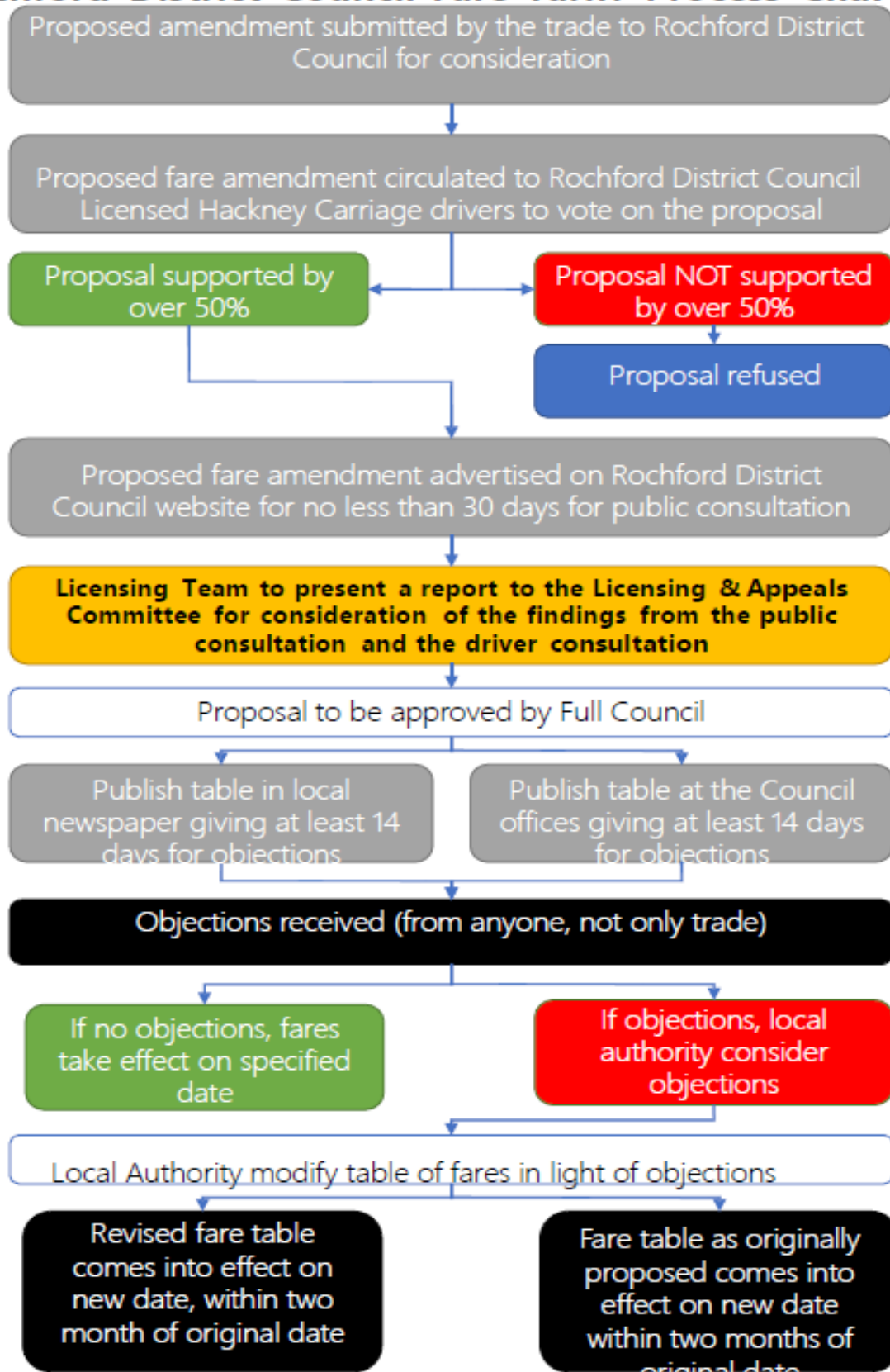
UNIT OF MEASUREMENT AFTER £8.00: **142 YARDS** (CURRENTLY 152.93 YARDS)

### COMPARISON EXAMPLES

	DISTANCE	CURRENT FARE	NEW FARE	DIFFERENCE
¾ MILE	1320 YARDS	£4.00	£4.20	+ 20p
1 MILE	1760 YARDS	£4.40	£4.60	+ 20p
1 ¼ MILE	2200 YARDS	£4.80	£5.20	+40p
1 ¾ MILES	3080 YARDS	£5.60	£6.20	+ 60p
2 ¼ MILES	4400 YARDS	£7.00	£7.60	+ 60p
3 MILES	5280 YARDS	£7.80	£8.80	+£1.00
3 ½ MILES	6160 YARDS	£8.80	£10.00	+£1.20
4 MILES	7040 YARDS	£10.00	£11.20	+£1.20
5 ¼ MILES	9240 YARDS	£12.80	£14.20	+£1.40
6 MILES	10560 YARDS	£14.60	£16.20	+£1.60
7 ¼ MILES	13200 YARDS	£18.00	£19.80	+ £1.80
8 MILES	14080 YARDS	£19.20	£21.20	+£2.00
10 MILES	17600 YARDS	£23.80	£26.00	+£2.20
12 MILES	21120 YARDS	£28.40	£31.00	+£2.60
15 MILES	26400 YARDS	£35.40	£38.40	+ £3.00
17 MILES	29920 YARDS	£40.00	£43.40	+£3.40
20 MILES	35200 YARDS	£46.80	£50.80	+£4.00

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AVERAGE FARE INCREASE OVER THESE 17 EXAMPLES FROM ¾ OF A MILE TO 20 MILES IS 9.5% WHICH IS 2.59% BELOW THE TOTAL INFLATION SINCE 2017 (THE LAST TIME THE INCREASE OF 20p PER FARE WAS ADDED TO THE TARRIFF) GOING BACK TO THE LAST TIME THE DISTANCE AND TIME WERE CHANGED ON THE METERS, THIS WAS 10 YEARS AGO, INFLATION AS A TOTAL SINCE THEN HAS RISEN 25.82%.

## Rochford District Council Fare Tariff Process Chart



# 2022 Taxi Fare Increase Consultation

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Rochford District Council Licensing Team have been approached by the trade with a proposal to amend the existing Rochford District Taxi Tariff.

In accordance with the Local Government Misc. Provisions Act, when the District Council receive a proposed fare increase from the taxi trade, they have a set process for implementing the proposal. The request was made as the last significant increase in the fares took place in 2012 with a smaller additional 20 pence starting fare charge in 2017.

As part of the process a survey was submitted to all Hackney Carriage (Taxi) Drivers whereby 94% of those drivers wishing to support the increase, based on the fare increase related to the general cost of running a taxi since 2017 including the cost of fuel, Insurance and Road Tax.

The suggested new taxi tariff includes the following changes:

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- Reduce the yards from currently 203.83 yards to 175 yards (until £8);
- Reduce currently 152.93 yards to 142 yards (after £8);

Reintroduce the Spoilage charge at £100.00 (cost of cleaning the vehicle and loss of earnings) All other fees are to remain the same.

The consultation concludes on 15th June 2022.

To access the survey, please click on the link in the Related Content section of this page.

## Related Content

[TaxiFareIncreasePublicConsultation2022\(https://rochford-self.achieveservice.com/en/AchieveForms/?form\\_uri=sandbox-publish%3A//AF-Process-039126f0-1831-4d31-af61-3a87445395ab/AF-Stage-827bdde3-690a-415c-a2df-c7cee0d05cca/definition.json&redirectlink=/en&cancelRedirectLink=/en&consentMessage=yes\)](https://rochford-self.achieveservice.com/en/AchieveForms/?form_uri=sandbox-publish%3A//AF-Process-039126f0-1831-4d31-af61-3a87445395ab/AF-Stage-827bdde3-690a-415c-a2df-c7cee0d05cca/definition.json&redirectlink=/en&cancelRedirectLink=/en&consentMessage=yes)

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RISE IN 2009
RISE IN 2008
NO SET FARE

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)	£13.40	66	WORCESTER CITY	£6.90	131	EAST RENFREW	£6.40
2	EPSOM & EWELL	£9.80	67	ADUR	£6.80	132	HASTINGS	£6.40
3	LONDON	£9.80	68	CARMARTHENSHIRE	£6.80	133	HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	£6.40
4	LUTON AIRPORT	£9.70	69	CARADON	£6.80	134	IPSWICH	£6.40
5	WATFORD (x)	£8.40	70	EAST DEVON	£6.80	135	LEEDS	£6.40
6	UTTLESFORD	£8.30	71	FIFE	£6.80	136	LINCOLN	£6.40
7	CARRICK	£8.20	72	GLASGOW	£6.80	137	MALVERN HILLS	£6.40
8	WOKINGHAM	£8.20	73	GRAVESHAM	£6.80	138	MELTON	£6.40
9	BRECKLAND	£8.00	74	HART	£6.80	139	MID SUFFOLK	£6.40
10	READING	£8.00	75	NORTH CORNWALL	£6.80	140	NORTH KESTEVEN	£6.40
11	ISLE OF MAN	£7.90	76	NOTTINGHAM	£6.80	141	SHROPSHIRE	£6.40
12	RESTORMEL	£7.90	77	SEDGEMOOR	£6.80	142	SOUTHEND ON SEA	£6.40
13	BRIGHTON & HOVE	£7.80	78	SOMERSET WEST & TAUNTON	£6.80	143	SOUTH LAKELAND	£6.40
14	SURREY HEATH	£7.80	79	SWALE	£6.80	144	WAVELEY	£6.40
15	GUERNSEY	£7.70	80	TENDRING	£6.80	145	WEST LINDSEY	£6.40
16	WEALDON	£7.70	81	VALE OF GLAMORGAN	£6.80	146	WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD	£6.40
17	EAST AYRSHIRE	£7.60	82	WOLVERHAMPTON	£6.80	147	WOKING	£6.40
18	BASINGSTOKE & DEANE	£7.60	83	NUNEATON & BEDWORTH	£6.75	148	NEWARK & SHERWOOD	£6.32
19	GUILDFORD	£7.60	84	TORBAY	£6.75	149	BLACKBURN	£6.30
20	KERRIER	£7.60	85	CHESTER	£6.70	150	BURY	£6.30
21	OXFORD CITY	£7.60	86	CRAWLEY	£6.70	151	COTSWOLD (y)	£6.30
22	RUSHMOOR	£7.60	87	EASTLEIGH	£6.70	152	COVENTRY	£6.30
23	SOUTHAMPTON	£7.60	88	FYLDE	£6.70	153	DACORUM	£6.30
24	JERSEY	£7.43	89	NORTH SOMERSET	£6.70	154	DARLINGTON	£6.30
25	CHELLENHAM	£7.40	90	NORTH TYNESIDE	£6.70	155	LEWES	£6.30
26	HARROGATE	£7.40	91	SHEFFIELD	£6.70	156	PEMBROKESHIRE	£6.30
27	MAIDSTONE	£7.40	92	SWINDON	£6.70	157	SOUTH HOLLAND	£6.30
28	WEST BERKSHIRE	£7.40	93	SOUTH HAMS	£6.66	158	SOUTH RIBBLE	£6.30
29	MID SUSSEX	£7.40	94	BRACKNELL FOREST	£6.60	159	DUNDEE CITY	£6.28
30	DARTFORD	£7.30	95	BRENTWOOD	£6.60	160	FOREST OF DEAN	£6.27
31	WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	£7.30	96	CAMBRIDGE CITY	£6.60	161	BABERGH	£6.28
32	ARUN	£ 7.29	97	CARLISLE	£6.60	162	REDDITCH	£6.25
33	BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET	£7.20	98	EAST SUFFOLK (NORTH)	£6.60	163	MIDLOTHIAN	£6.22
34	BCP	£7.20	99	EDEN	£6.60	164	THANET	£6.21
35	DORSET	£7.20	100	EXETER	£6.60	165	BIRMINGHAM	£6.20
36	NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE	£7.20	101	HARLOW	£6.60	166	BRAINTREE	£6.20
37	SOUTH GLOUCESTER	£7.20	102	HAVANT	£6.60	167	CHICHESTER	£6.20
38	ROTHER	£7.20	103	HIGH PEAK	£6.60	168	DAVENTRY	£6.20
39	TORRIDGE	£7.20	104	MEDWAY	£6.60	169	DERBY	£6.20
40	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	£7.20	105	MORAY	£6.60	170	EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£6.20
41	YORK	£7.20	106	NORTH HERTS	£6.60	171	EAST SUFFOLK (SOUTH)	£6.20
42	ARGYLL & BUTE	£7.13	107	NORWICH	£6.60	172	FENLAND	£6.20
43	CHELMSFORD	£7.10	108	PLYMOUTH	£6.60	173	FOLKESTONE & HYTHE	£6.20
44	DOVER	£7.10	109	RUNNYMEDE	£6.60	174	HORSHAM	£6.20
45	ISLE OF WIGHT	£7.10	110	SCARBOROUGH	£6.60	175	NORTHAMPTON	£6.20
46	MENDIP	£7.10	111	SHETLAND ISLES	£6.60	176	PORTSMOUTH UA	£6.20
47	MOLE VALLEY	£7.10	112	SOUTH CAMBRIDGE	£6.60	177	ROCHFORD	£6.20
48	PENWITH	£7.10	113	TEIGNBRIDGE	£6.60	178	SOLIHULL	£6.20
49	RUGBY	£7.10	114	NORTH DEVON	£6.55	179	SPELTORNE	£6.20
50	HARBOROUGH	£7.09	115	ASHFORD	£6.50	180	ST ALBANS	£6.20
51	SEVENOAKS	£7.06	116	BASSETLAW	£6.50	181	STRATFORD ON AVON	£6.20
52	BROMSGROVE	£7.00	117	CALDERDALE	£6.50	182	SUNDERLAND	£6.20
53	EAST LOTHIAN	£7.00	118	DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL	£6.50	183	WEST OXFORD	£6.20
54	EDINBURGH	£7.00	119	HUNTINGDONSHIRE	£6.50	184	WINCHESTER	£6.20
55	HERTSMERE	£7.00	120	LIVERPOOL	£6.50	185	WYCHAVON	£6.20
56	SLOUGH	£7.00	121	LUTON	£6.50	186	WYRE FOREST	£6.14
57	STEVENAGE	£7.00	122	SOUTH SOMERSET	£6.50	187	CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE	£6.13
58	STROUD	£7.00	123	WORTHING	£6.50	188	ABERDEENSHIRE	£6.10
59	TUNBRIDGE & MALLING	£7.00	124	BASILDON	£6.40	189	CANNOCK CHASE	£6.10
60	WELWYN HATFIELD	£7.00	125	BRISTOL	£6.40	190	CARDIFF	£6.10
61	WILTSHIRE	£7.00	126	CANTERBURY	£6.40	191	CLACKMANNAN	£6.10
62	SANDWELL	£6.92	127	COUNTY OF HEREFORD	£6.40	192	EAST HERTS	£6.10
63	COLCHESTER	£6.90	128	CREWE & NANTWICH	£6.40	193	ELMBRIDGE	£6.10
64	EASTBOURNE	£6.80	129	EAST HAMPSHIRE	£6.40	194	NEW FOREST	£6.10
65	VALE OF WHITE HORSE	£6.80	130	EAST LINDSEY	£6.40	195	NORTH WARWICK	£6.10

POSITION	TARIFF ONE COUNCIL	TWO MILE FARE	POSITION	TARIFF ONE COUNCIL	TWO MILE FARE	POSITION	TARIFF ONE COUNCIL	TWO MILE FARE
196	SOUTH AYRSHIRE	£6.10	261	WYRE	£5.80	326	CHORLEY	£5.10
197	TAMWORTH	£6.10	262	YNS MON	£5.80	327	CONGLETON	£5.10
198	SELBY	£6.06	263	CHESTERFIELD	£5.75	328	GATESHEAD	£5.10
199	CHARNWOOD	£6.05	264	DONCASTER	£5.75	329	SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE	£5.10
200	SCOTTISH BORDERS	£6.05	265	NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE	£5.75	330	COPELAND	£5.00
201	ABERDEEN CITY	£6.00	266	ANGUS	£5.70	331	EAST NORTHANTS	£5.00
202	BLACKPOOL	£6.00	267	CAERPHILLY	£5.70	332	KIRKLEES	£5.00
203	BOSTON	£6.00	268	GEDLING	£5.70	333	ROCHDALE	£5.00
204	BROXTOWE	£6.00	269	MID DEVON	£5.70	334	ROSSENDALE	£5.00
205	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	£6.00	270	MONMOUTHSHIRE	£5.70	335	SOUTH NORTHANTS	£5.00
206	CASTLE POINT	£6.00	271	ENFREWSHIRE	£5.70	336	CORBY	£4.90
207	CONWY	£6.00	272	STIRLING (x)	£5.70	337	MIDDLESBROUGH	£4.90
208	EAST STAFFORDSHIRE	£6.00	273	SWANSEA	£5.70	338	TELFORD & WREKIN	£4.90
209	GLOUCESTER	£6.00	274	WARRINGTON	£5.70	339	WELLINGBOROUGH	£4.90
210	GREAT YARMOUTH	£6.00	275	BRADFORD	£5.60	340	WESTERN ISLES (x)	£4.85
211	GWYNEDD	£6.00	276	DENBIGHSHIRE	£5.60	341	ASHFIELD	£4.80
212	KETERING	£6.00	277	GOSPORT	£5.60	342	DERBYSHIRE DALES	£4.80
213	KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK	£6.00	278	NEWPORT	£5.60	343	HYNDBURN	£4.70
214	KNOWSLEY	£6.00	279	NORTH LANARKSHIRE	£5.60	344	BOLSOVER	£4.60
215	LANCASTER	£6.00	280	RICHMONDSHIRE	£5.60	345	BURNLEY	£4.50
216	MILTON KEYNES	£6.00	281	RUSHLIFFE	£5.60	346	REDCAR & CLEVELAND	£4.50
217	NORTH WEST LEICESTER	£6.00	282	WEST LOTHIAN (x)	£5.60	347	STOCKTON ON TEES	£4.50
218	PETERSBOROUGH	£6.00	283	WREXHAM	£5.60	348	OADBY & WIGSTON	£4.40
219	RYEDALE	£6.00	284	CHERWELL	£5.56	349	PENDLE	£4.40
220	SOUTH TYNESIDE	£6.00	285	NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	£5.55	350	MALDON	£
221	STOCKPORT	£6.00	286	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY	£5.50	351	RUTLAND	£
222	TAMESIDE	£6.00	287	EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE	£5.50	352	SOUTH DERBYSHIRE	£
223	TEST VALLEY (x)	£6.00	288	EPING FOREST	£5.50	353	SOUTH NORFOLK	£
224	THREE RIVERS	£6.00	289	EREWASH	£5.50	354	SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE	£
225	THURROCK	£6.00	290	FALKIRK	£5.50	355	WEST DEVON	£
226	WARWICK	£6.00	291	HAMBLETON	£5.50			
227	WIRRAL	£6.00	292	MERTHYR TYDFIL	£5.50			
228	BROXBORNE	£5.90	293	OLDHAM	£5.50			
229	DUDLEY	£5.90	294	TORFAEN	£5.50			
230	KINGSTON-UPON-HULL	£5.90	295	CEREDIGION	£5.46			
231	MANCHESTER	£5.90	296	SALFORD	£5.46			
232	NORTHUMBERLAND	£5.90	297	ALLERDALE	£5.45			
233	STAFFORD	£5.90	298	CLYDEBANK	£5.40			
234	STOKE-ON-TRENT UA	£5.90	299	DUNBARTON & VALE OF LEVEN (x)	£5.40			
235	TANDBRIDGE	£5.90	300	ELLSMERE PORT	£5.40			
236	WALSALL	£5.90	301	HARTLEPOOL	£5.40			
237	TEWKESBURY	£5.85	302	MACCLESFIELD	£5.40			
238	BARNLEY	£5.80	303	PERTH & KINROSS	£5.40			
239	BARROW IN FURNESS	£5.80	304	POWYS	£5.40			
240	BEDFORD	£5.80	305	PRESTON	£5.40			
241	BRIDGEND	£5.80	306	ROTHERHAM	£5.40			
242	EAST KILBRIDE (x)	£5.80	307	MANSFIELD	£5.35			
243	FAREHAM	£5.80	308	INVERCLYDE	£5.34			
244	FLINTSHIRE	£5.80	309	GRAVEN (x)	£5.30			
245	HALTON	£5.80	310	NORTH AYRSHIRE	£5.30			
246	HIGHLAND (x)	£5.80	311	RIBBLE VALLEY	£5.30			
247	LEICESTER	£5.80	312	SOUTH KESTEVEN	£5.30			
248	LICHFIELD	£5.80	313	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE (Clydesdale)	£5.30			
249	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	£5.80	314	ST HELENS	£5.30			
250	HEATH PORT TALBOT	£5.80	315	VALE ROYAL	£5.30			
251	NORTHERN IRELAND	£5.80	316	BLABY	£5.24			
252	NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	£5.80	317	AMBER VALLEY	£5.20			
253	NORTH NORFOLK	£5.80	318	BLAENAU GWENT	£5.20			
254	ORKNEY (x)	£5.80	319	BOLTON	£5.20			
255	REIGATE & BANSTEAD	£5.80	320	EAST RIDING	£5.20			
256	RUTHERGLEN (x)	£5.80	321	HAMILTON (x)	£5.20			
257	SEFTON	£5.80	322	RHONDDA CYNON TAFF	£5.20			
258	TRAFFORD	£5.80	323	STAFFS MOORLANDS	£5.20			
259	WEST SUFFOLK	£5.80	324	WAKEFIELD	£5.20			
260	WIGAN	£5.80	325	WEST LANCASHIRE	£5.20			

Councils in positions 350-355 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 £6.28**

**PLEASE NOTE**

This month sees the single biggest rise in an average two-mile taxi fare nationwide in our tables with this month's additions. On average a two-mile fare increased by 7p across all our listing.

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.

**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