

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, 13 July 2023

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

Contact: Ian Gourlay (01438) 242703 committees@stevenage.gov.uk

Members: Councillors: C Parris (Chair), S Barr, N Chowdhury, M Downing,

J Duncan, C Howells, G Lawrence CC, Mrs J Lloyd, M McKay,

L Martin-Haugh, M Notley, G Snell, A Wells and T Wren.

AGENDA

PART I

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES - 24 MARCH 2022

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 24 March 2022. Pages 3 – 8

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Committee for 2023/24 Municipal Year.

4. HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF REVIEW

To review the current hackney carriage fares/tariffs. Pages 9-46

5. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

To consider any Part I business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following motions –

1. That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in Paragraphs 1 – 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

7. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II items accepted by the Chair as urgent.

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STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Thursday, 24 March 2022

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete

Present: Councillors: Maureen McKay (Chair), Lloyd Briscoe, Rob Broom, Adrian

Brown, Graham Lawrence CC, Lin Martin-Haugh, Margaret Notley,

Claire Parris, Graham Snell and Sharon Taylor OBE CC.

Start / End Start Time: 6.00pm Fine: 5.03pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Teresa Callaghan and Loraine Rossati. Notification had been received that Councillor Sharon Taylor was replacing Councillor Callaghan on the Committee, and that Councillor Lloyd Briscoe was replacing Councillor Rossati.

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES - 13 JANUARY 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 13 January 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3 HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF REVIEW

The Committee considered a report in respect of a request from hackney carriage drivers to revise the level of fares/tariffs.

The Environmental Health Commercial & Licensing Manager advised that the fixing of fares for hackney carriages within the Borough was governed by the Council by virtue of section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. This must be published by means of a tariff table. The last change in fares took effect on 3 July 2017, and a copy of the current tariff table was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

The Environmental Health Commercial & Licensing Manager stated that, at a Taxi Forum held on 14 December 2021, members of the trade requested that the current tariffs should be revised. They were advised by the Licensing Officer to submit this request in writing, explaining why an increase was considered necessary. A written request to consider an increase was received by the Licensing Team on 5 January 2022 from 8 drivers of ABC Taxis Limited, co-ordinated by Mr Paul Barrett. A copy

of the written request and the list of supporting drivers was attached as Appendix 2 to the report.

The Environmental Health Commercial & Licensing Manager explained that, following clarification of the detail of the proposal with Mr Barrett, the proposed tariff table was consulted upon. Drivers and operators were consulted via email and letter for the period of 24 January to 11 February 2022. Due to an administration error, this notice was not placed in the local paper for the required 14 days. Hence a further, updated Notice was advertised in the local press from 17 February to 24 February and 3 March to 10 March 2022 and a copy made available for inspection at the Council offices for the same period, in accordance with the legislation. Copies of the newspaper notices were attached as Appendix 3 to the report and a copy of the public notice was attached as Appendix 4. In addition, a letter was sent to all licensed drivers and licensed private hire operators in the Council's area advising them of the review proposal. A copy of this letter was attached as Appendix 5 to the report.

The Environmental Health Commercial & Licensing Manager advised that the public notices required any objections to the proposal to be made in writing. Objections had been received from four persons, all dual licensed drivers. Copies of the four individual objections were attached as Appendices 6 to 9 to the report.

The Environmental Health Commercial & Licensing Manager informed the Committee that the proposed Tariff 1 charge for a 2 mile journey represented an increase of 9.3% on the current Tariff 1 charge. The new proposal was to reduce the length of the first charge from 0.5 mile to 0.3 of a mile and for each subsequent 0.1 of a mile travelled, twenty pence will be added for the length of the journey for Tariff 1. Tariffs 2 and 3 had also been updated and demonstrated a 9.3% increase for Tariff 2 and an 11.1% increase for Tariff 3, with a thirty pence and forty pence increase for every 0.1 mile respectively for Tariffs 2 and 3.

The Committee noted that the proposed tariff would place Stevenage at 35th equal in the national ranking compared with the current ranking of 111th out of 365 licensing authorities in the country. The applicants considered the proposed increase to be warranted due to costs resulting from Covid (masks, cleaning equipment), the common use of card payment facilities that incurred a transaction fee, and the rising costs of living, incorporating fuel, maintenance, replacing vehicles and station permits.

The Environmental Health Commercial & Licensing Manager commented that the four objections had cited very similar reasons as to why a tariff increase is not warranted. Two of them saw taxis as a luxury and all were concerned that the general rising cost of living would affect taxi usage. All were concerned that this would enable Uber to undercut fares charged by drivers within Stevenage. However, it was worthy of note that the proposed hackney carriage tariff was designed to limit maximum fares and it was within the gift of a hackney carriage drivers to charge less than the tariff fare.

The Environmental Health Commercial & Licensing Manager explained that in Stevenage hackney carriages were required by licence conditions to be fitted with taximeters. Private hire vehicles may also fit taximeters, and in practice many did,

but the tariff only applied by law to hackney carriages. The extant tariff must be programmed into hackney carriage taximeters, which were then bound by the fare displayed on the meter at the end of the journey. Private hire drivers and operators had an interest in the hackney carriage tariff, since it may be programmed into their taximeters, but in practice they were entitled to charge any fare they desired, provided it had been agreed with the passenger or passengers before a journey began.

The Committee noted that a number of the larger operators in Stevenage charged in accordance with fixed price promotions on a permanent basis; £8 maximum fee for one pick up and drop off in the Stevenage area from 9am to 9pm. In certain instances this could result in fares for longer journeys within the town made with private hire vehicles and drivers operated by these companies undercutting the cost of equivalent journeys in a Hackney Carriage. However, journeys in a private hire vehicle could only be made following advanced booking.

The Environmental Health Commercial & Licensing Manager advised that the following three options were open to the Committee:

- (a) To accept the proposal as submitted and apply the new tariff effective from a date not more than two months after the operational date specified in the public notice (2 April 2022); or
- (b) To modify the submitted proposal and apply the new tariff effective from a date not more than two months after the operational date specified in the public notice (2 April 2022); or
- (c) To leave the current tariff in place unaltered. There was no specific facility in the legislation to enable this and so, in effect, the current tariff would have to be re-implemented following the process set out at (b) above.

Mr Paul Barrett (ABC Taxis Limited) addressed the Committee in support of the application to revise the tariffs. He expanded upon the points made in his application latter, including increasing costs resulting from Covid (masks, cleaning equipment), the common use of card payment facilities that incurred a transaction fee, and the rising costs of living, incorporating fuel, vehicle maintenance/replacement and station permits. He asked if consideration could be given to a possible index-linked annual increase in tariffs in line with inflation.

In relation to a series of Member questions, officers and Mr Barrett responded as follows:

- the Taxi Forum (although curtailed during the Covid pandemic) was a useful sounding board and was on offer to all drivers, but it was not as well-supported by them as it could be. The only drivers present at the 14 December 2021 meeting were representatives of ABC Taxis Limited;
- there were approximately 100 licensed hackney carriage drivers in the Borough, out of a total of over 200 (the remainder being Private Hire vehicle drivers);
- there were 4 major companies operating in the Borough, and 5 or 6 smaller

operators;

- the 4 objections were from an airport transfer operator and Private Hire drivers;
- it was always possible for the hackney carriage trade to submit further reviews for tariff increases, but the statutory process for advertising and considering any objections would need to be followed before any decision was made; and
- it was confirmed that there was no right of appeal against the Council's decision, but if a person felt that the decision was unlawful then the only legal remedy available was to seek a Judicial Review in the High Court.

The Committee noted the sparse attendance at the Taxi Forum meeting on 14 December 2021, and asked officers to endeavour to ensure that drivers were actively encouraged to attend future Forum meetings to enable a wider breadth of discussion to take place on taxi licensing matters.

After some debate, and following a brief adjournment, the Committee voted to approve the requested revision to the hackney carriage tariffs. In so doing, a further resolution was passed that the Committee would henceforth receive a standing item to review the tariffs on an annual basis.

It was **RESOLVED**:

- 1. That, with effect from 2 April 2022,
 - (a) the proposed increase of the current hackney carriage tariff 1 from £3.40 to £3.60 be approved for the first 528 yards, and 20p for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof), to be applied to hirings between 06:00 and 23:00 hours Monday to Sunday;
 - (b) the proposed increase of the current hackney carriage tariff 2 from £5.10 to £5.40 be approved for the first 528 yards, and 30p for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof), to be applied to hirings between 06:00 and 23:00 hours Monday to Sunday and on designated bank/public holidays and Easter Sunday; between 18:00 to 23:00 hours on New Year's Eve; and between 18:00 hours and 24:00 hours on Christmas Eve;
 - (c) the proposed increase of the current hackney carriage tariff 3 from £6.80 to £7.20 be approved for the first 528 yards, and 40p for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof), to be applied to hirings between 00:01 and 24:00 hours on Christmas Day and Boxing Day; and between 23:00 hours on New Year's Eve and 06:00 hours on New Year's Day; and
 - (d) the following additional charges be imposed:
 - up to two items of baggage or shopping 20p *
 - three or more items of baggage or shopping 40p (maximum) *
 - for each person in excess of one 20p *

(* additional charges should total no more than £2.00, and must be added on the meter at the start of the journey)

- soiling charge (for whatever reason) £50 (maximum)
- 2. That henceforth the Committee's work programme includes a standing item to review the hackney carriage tariffs on an annual basis.
- 4 URGENT PART I BUSINESS

None.

5 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Not required.

6 URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None.

CHAIR

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Part I - Release to Press

Meeting General Purposes Committee

Portfolio Area Communities, Community Safety and

Equalities

Date 13 July 2023

HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF REVIEW

NON-KEY DECISION

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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To review the current hackney carriage fares/tariffs.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee determines the options to review the tariff and determine whether the tariff should be increased or remain at the current level.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The fixing of fares for hackney carriages within the district is governed by the Council by virtue of section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. This must be published by means of a tariff table. The last change in fares took effect on 2 April 2022; a copy of the current tariff table is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 It was resolved at General Purposes Committee meeting on 24 March 2022 that there will be an annual review of taxi tariffs.
- 3.3 To review taxi tariffs, the Licensing Authority has undertaken preliminary consultation with the trade (all hackney carriage and private hire drivers and operators) to ascertain options to include in the consultation. A summary of the results of the preliminary engagement survey can see seen in Appendix 2. Copies of all responses

received will be available for scrutiny by the General Purposes Committee upon request. This information will not be publicly available in line with General Data Protection Regulations.

- 3.4 A Notice was advertised in the local press on 22 and 29 June 2023 and a copy made available for inspection at the Council offices for the same period in accordance with the legislation. Copies of the newspaper notices are attached as Appendix 3 and a copy of the public notice is attached as Appendix 4.
- 3.5 In addition, all licensed drivers and licensed private hire operators in the Council's area have been contacted via e-mail or letter advising recipients of the review consultation. A copy of this correspondence is attached as Appendix 5.
- 3.6 The public notices required any comments or option preferences to be made in writing or through completion of a survey. Comments/option preferences had been received by response of survey from 72 persons. 51 dual licensed drivers (22 as Hackney Carriage Drivers and 29 as Private Hire Drivers), 1 Private Hire Operator and 20 members of the public:

Questions 1-2 – Answered by everyone

Questions 3-7 - Answered by Hackney Carriage Drivers only

Questions 8-12 – Answered by Private Hire Drivers only

Questions 13-18 – Answered by Private Hire Operators only

Questions 19-23 – Answered by members of the public only

A summary of the consultation survey response is attached as Appendix 6. Copies of all responses received will be available for scrutiny by the General Purposes Committee upon request. This information will not be publicly available in line with General Data Protection Regulations.

4 DISCUSSION

- 4.1 The Private Hire and Taxi Monthly magazine, a trade publication, maintains a national fare table which provides useful comparisons of taxi tariffs between local authorities. The position in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire is summarised in Table 1 below.
- 4.2 If the proposed Option 1 tariff were adopted Stevenage fares would be on a par with Birmingham, Canterbury, Leicester and Solihull.; a total of 13 local authorities currently have a charge of £7.40 for a two mile journey.
- 4.3 If the proposed Option 2 tariff were adopted Stevenage fares would be on a par with Basingstoke & Deane, South Somerset, Southampton and Winchester; a total of 10 local authorities currently have a charge of £7.60 for a two mile journey.
- 4.4 If the proposed Option 3 tariff were adopted Stevenage fares would be on a par with Carlisle, Chichester, Medway and more locally, Welwyn & Hatfield; a total of 21 local authorities currently have a charge of £7.00 for a two mile journey.

Table 1: Comparison of local taxi fares

National ranking	Local authority	Tariff One (two-mile fare)
8	St Albans	£9.15
19	Watford	£8.40
25	Broxbourne	£8.20
27	East Herts	£8.20
40	Central Beds	£8.05
64	Dacorum	£7.70
79	Stevenage (Option 2)	£7.60
87	North Herts	£7.50
103	Stevenage (Option 1)	£7.40
132	National Average	£7.12
153	Hertsmere	£7.00
161	Stevenage (current)	£7.00
163	Welwyn Hatfield	£7.00
172	Bedford	£6.80
211	Three Rivers	£6.70
234	Luton	£6.50

- 4.5 The proposed increase options were considered warranted due to costs resulting from, the common use of card payment facilities that incur a transaction fee and the rising costs of living, incorporating fuel, maintenance, replacing vehicles and station permits.
- 4.6 In April 2022 the average price of a litre of unleaded petrol was 163.36 pence while a litre of diesel was 177.3 pence. In June 2023 the average prices were 143.15 pence and 145.93 pence respectively (source: RACfoundation.org)
- 4.7 Regarding other motoring costs, since April 2022, all costs of motoring have increased by 10.65% with maintenance costs having increased by an average of just under 12% while tax and insurance have increased by an average of 79% (source: RACfoundation.org).
- 4.8 In terms of changes in the cost of living in cost of living, The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) rose by 8.7% in the 12 months to May 2023, unchanged from April 2023. On a monthly basis, CPI rose by 0.7% in May 2023, compared with a rise of 0.7% in May 2022. Rising prices for air travel, recreational and cultural goods and services, and second-hand cars resulted in the largest upward contributions to the monthly change in the CPI annual rates. (source:www.ons.gov.uk).
- 4.9 In Stevenage hackney carriages are required by licence conditions to be fitted with taximeters. Private hire vehicles may also fit taximeters, and in practice many do, but the tariff only applies by law to hackney carriages. The extant tariff must be programmed into hackney carriage taximeters, which are then bound by the fare displayed on the meter at the end of the journey; that is they must not charge any more than the figure displayed. Private hire drivers and operators have an interest in the hackney carriage tariff since it may be programmed into their taximeters but in practice they are entitled to charge any fare they desire, provided it has been agreed with the passenger or passengers before a journey begins.

- 4.10 Several the larger operators in Stevenage charge in accordance with fixed price promotions on a permanent basis; £9 maximum fee for one pick up and drop off in the Stevenage area from 9am to 9pm. In certain instances this could result in fares for longer journeys within the town made with private hire vehicles and drivers operated by these companies undercutting the cost of equivalent journeys in a Hackney Carriage. Journeys in a private hire vehicle could only be made following advanced booking however. It should also be noted however that the income of large operators depends largely on the number of drivers they have on their circuits and the extent of their penetration of the corporate and contract markets rather than fare levels per se.
- 4.11 Summary of responses to Question 1: Please let us know what you think of the current minimum fare and taxi tariffs (black cab) tariffs

We received 65 general comments about taxi fares in the free text question. The table below shows the main themes of the comments and the number of comments we identified within each theme, categorised by respondent type.

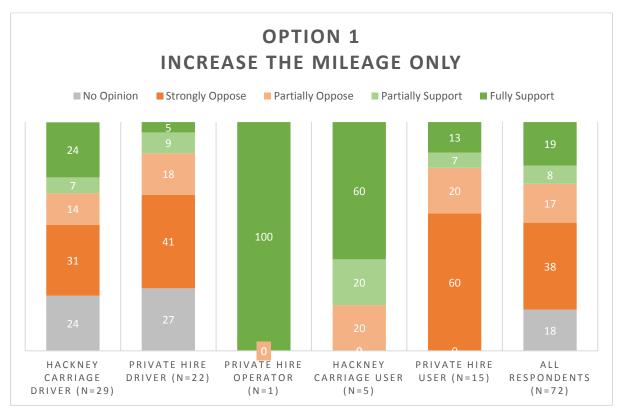
Theme	Hackney Carriage Driver	Private Hire Driver	Private Hire Operator	Public – Hackney Carriage User	Public - Private Hire User	All Respondents
Taxi fares are already expensive/too high/should be reduced	0	0	0	2	3	5
Taxi fares should be increased because of cost of living/running costs/overheads of taxi drivers	10	9	0	1	1	21
Increasing taxi fares will put me/taxi drivers out of business/reduce the number of people using taxis/ruin the taxi trade	1	0	0	0	1	2
Support/agree with increasing the cost of fares/tariffs/need to support taxi drivers	18	18	0	2	4	42
Current fares are at a suitable level and no change is needed.	6	3	0	1	6	16

4.12 Summary of responses relating to Option 1

72 people responded to this option. It was found that:

- 45 per cent of Hackney Carriage drivers opposed this option
- 59 per cent of Private Hire drivers opposed this option
- 65 per cent of the public opposed this option
- 55 per cent of all respondents opposed this option

The chart below shows percentage response rates from each respondent type.



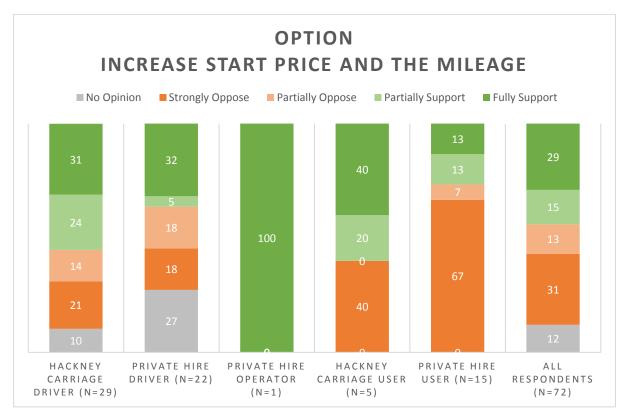
Option 1 (%)	Hackney Carriage Driver (n=29)	Private Hire Driver (n=22)	Private Hire Operator (n=1)	Hackney Carriage User (n=5)	Private Hire User (n=15)	All Respondents (n=72)
Fully						
Support	24	5	100	60	13	19
Partially						
Support	7	9	0	20	7	8
Partially						
Oppose	14	18	0	20	20	17
Strongly						
Oppose	31	41	0	0	60	38
No						
Opinion	24	27	0	0	0	18

4.13 Summary of responses relating to Option 2

72 people responded to this option. It was found that:

- 55 per cent of Hackney Carriage drivers supported this option
- 37 per cent of Private Hire drivers supported this option
- 65 per cent of the public opposed this option
- 44 per cent of all respondents supported this option

The chart below shows percentage response rates from each respondent type.



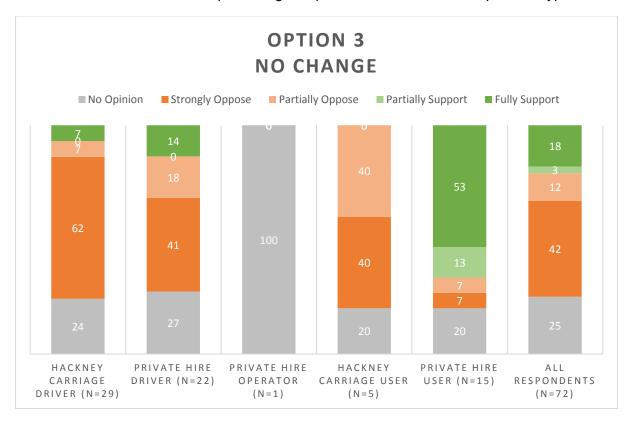
Option 2 (%)	Hackney Carriage Driver (n=29)	Private Hire Driver (n=22)	Private Hire Operator (n=1)	Hackney Carriage User (n=5)	Private Hire User (n=15)	All Respondents (n=72)
Fully Support	31	32	100	40	13	29
Partially Support	24	5	0	20	13	15
Partially Oppose	14	18	0	0	7	13
Strongly Oppose	21	18	0	40	67	31
No Opinion	10	27	0	0	0	12

4.14 Summary of responses relating to Option 3

72 people responded to this option. It was found that:

- 69 per cent of Hackney Carriage drivers opposed this option
- 59 per cent of Private Hire drivers opposed this option
- 50 per cent of the public supported this option
- 54 per cent of all respondents opposed this option

The chart below shows percentage response rates from each respondent type.



Option 3 (%)	Hackney Carriage Driver (n=29)	Private Hire Driver (n=22)	Private Hire Operator (n=1)	Hackney Carriage User (n=5)	Private Hire User (n=15)	All Respondents (n=72)
Fully Support	7	14	0	0	53	18
Partially Support	0	0	0	0	13	3
Partially Oppose	7	18	0	40	7	12
Strongly Oppose	62	41	0	40	7	42
No Opinion	24	27	100	20	20	25

4.15 Consultees were given the opportunity to give us their comments and feedback in a free text box.

44 people provided their comments:

The top themes from responses to this question are summarised below. The summarised top themes do not include 'Other comments' where a number of themes with only one or two comments have been wrapped into one theme, or out of scope comments.

Theme	Number of Respondents
Taxi fares should be increased because of cost of living/running costs/overheads of taxi drivers (e.g. fuel, card processing, app fees, vehicle costs, maintenance)	12
Taxi fares are already expensive/too high/should be reduced (general comments)	3
Support/agree with increasing the cost of fares/tariffs/need to support taxi drivers (general comment)	15
Fares are competitive and should stay the same	5
Fares should increase by small amounts/with inflation each year	2
Only the start price should increase. Mileage should stay the same.	3
What encouragement is there towards green transport? Have you considered "green fares"?	2

5 OPTIONS FOR ACTION

- 5.1 The Committee is now invited to review the proposed taxi tariff change. The options are to:
 - a) Accept the proposal as submitted and apply the new tariff effective from a date not more than two months after the operational date specified in the public notice (20 July 2023).
 - b) Modify the submitted proposal and apply the new tariff effective from a date not more than two months after the operational date specified in the public notice (20 July 2023).
 - c) Leave the current tariff in place unaltered. There is no specific facility in the legislation to enable this and so in effect the current tariff would have to be reimplemented following the process at b) above.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 There are no direct resource implications for the Council arising from the content of this report.

6.2 Legal Implications

6.2.1 There is no right of appeal against the fares once set. The only remedy for an aggrieved party would be to seek a judicial review.

6.2.2 The Committee's attention is also drawn to section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, which requires local authorities to consider the community safety implications of all their activities. This is a corporate responsibility of the authority as a whole.

6.3 Policy implications

6.3.1 There are no policy implications arising from the content of this report.

6.4 Equalities and Diversity Implications

6.4.1 Any decision by the Committee is based on evidence before it at the meeting; there are no equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

7 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976;

Town Police Clauses Act 1847

8 APPENDICES

- Current Tariff Table
- 2. Preliminary Trade Engagement Survey Summary
- 3. Newspaper notice
- 4. Public Notice of the proposals for review
- 5. Email to trade re Consultation Survey
- 6. Taxi Tariff & Fares Annual Review Survey Summary

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Appendix 1

Current Tariff Card

Taxi Fares from 2nd April 2022



Typical Fares

Note that fares and times may be higher than shown dependent on delays or slow moving traffic. The fare shown, on the face of the meter, at the conclusion of the journey is the maximum fare that can be demanded; unless previously agreed with the driver as above.

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Tariff Code on the meter		1	2	3
Distance	Approximate journey time	Day-time 06.00 – 23.00 (see over)	Night-time 23.00 – 06.00 + Public Holidays (see over)	Christmas & New Year (see over)
1 mile	3 – 5 minutes	£5.00	£7.50	£10.00
2 miles	6 – 8 minutes	£7.00	£10.50	£14.00
3 miles	9 -12 minutes	£9.00	£13:50	£18.00
5miles	15 – 20 minutes	£13.00	£19.50	£26.00
10 miles	20 – 30 minutes	£23.00	£34.50	£46.00

The meter calculates the maximum fare based upon the time of day, the distance travelled and the vehicle speed.

N.B. The meter should not be started until the journey commences

Drivers must, <u>unless they have good cause</u>, accept any hiring that is wholly within the Stevenage boundary. <u>Hirings beyond the Stevenage boundary are at the discretion of the driver.</u>

The fare for a journey to a destination outside of the Stevenage boundary may be negotiated between the driver and hirer. If no fare is agreed before the start of the journey, the fare cannot be more than that shown on the meter.

The driver of this vehicle is legally obliged to carry assistance dogs – unless a medical exemption certificate is displayed within the vehicle.

Wheelchairs, walking frames and assistance dogs travel at no extra cost.

Hackney Carriage Table of Maximum Fares



TARIFF 1 - Applicable between 06:00 and 23:00 hours Monday to Sunday

For the first 528 yards

£3.60p

for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof)

20p

(The equivalent of £2.00 for each additional mile)

Waiting time = 30 pence per minute

TARIFF 2 - Applicable between 23:00 and 06:00 hours Monday to Sunday + 06.00 to 23.00 hours on designated bank/public holidays & Easter Sunday + 18.00 - 23.00 hours on New Year's Eve and 18.00 to 24.00 hours on Christmas Eve

For the first 528 yards

£5.40p

for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof)

30p

(The equivalent of £3.00 for each additional mile)

Waiting time = 45 pence per minute

TARIFF 3 - Applicable all day on Christmas Day and Boxing Day + 23.00 hours on New Years Eve to 06.00 hours on New Years Day.

For the first 528 yards

£7.20p

for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof)

40p

(The equivalent of £4.00 for each additional mile)

Waiting time = 60 pence per minute

Additional charges (which must be added on the meter at the start of the journey)

Up to two items of baggage or shopping

20p

Three or more items of baggage or shopping

40p

For each person in excess of one 20p

Additional charges should total no more than £2.00

Wheelchairs, walking frames and assistance dogs travel at no extra cost.

Maximum Soiling charge (for whatever reason) £50

Complaints should be made to the Licensing department at Stevenage Borough Council via, licensing@stevenage.gov.uk quoting the vehicle registration mark, licence number and/or the driver's badge number.

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Appendix 2

Preliminary Trade Engagement Summary

2023 Taxi Tariff Review - Preliminary Trade Engagement

62 Responses 06:18

Closed

Average time to complete

Status

1. Full name

62 Responses

Latest Responses "Humayun Chowdhury " "sohaib ahmed" "Peter Copeman "

2. Badge Number

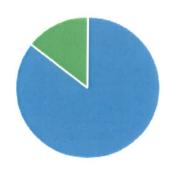
62 Responses Latest Responses "SBLD0193" "SBLD0094" "0072"

3. Which of these options apply to you? (tick all that apply)

Hackney Carriage Driver 35 30 Private Hire Driver Private Hire Operator 3

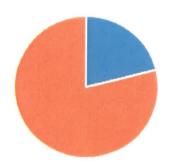
4. Which of the following options would be your preferred outcome from the 2023 Tariff Review?



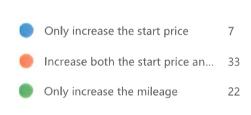


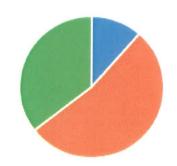
5. For an increase - which of these options would you prefer?



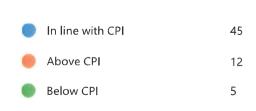


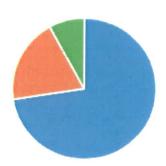
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7. What level of increase would you support? (CPI = Consumer Price Index - 8.7% as of April 2023)





8. Do you have any suggestions or comments?

Latest Responses

"No"

Responses

"i thing leave it as it is?"

"I don't feel we would be any better off with a tariffs increase....

Appendix 3

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THE NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
(BEDFORD ROAD, HITCHIN)
(PERMIT PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2022
THE NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
(SUN STREET, BALDOCK)
PARKING PLACES ORDER 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Hertfordshire County Council (pursuant to arrangement made with Hertfordshire County) Council) has made and the state of the county council) has made and a council of the county council) has made as the county council has been county as the council of th

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Permit Parkina - Zone K.— charges for permits and tickets as set out in the
Order - Parking Permit for eligible residents £84 per annum (£42 six months),
Visitor Permit £84 per annum (£42 six months), Visitor Ticket £12 per book
of 10 single use tickets

SURSTREE Baldook - 1 hour limited waiting with No return in 2 hours Mondays to Fridays 9.00am to 5pm and Saturdays 9am to 1pm except for Permit Holders Zone A.

Permit Parking - Zone A - charges for permits and tickets as set out in the Order - Parking Permit for eligible residents £84 per annum (£42 six months, maximum of 1 permit per household),

SCHEDULE 5

Lengths of road in Baldock (Those residences eligible)
WHITEHORSE STREET - The full length of the street, including any residential premises located in immediately adjoining streets or mews.

SUN STREET - The full length of the street, including any residential premises located in immediately adjoining streets or mews.

HITCHIN STREET - Nos. 1 to 31 inclusive and Nos. 2 to 8 inclusive, including any residential premises located in streets or mews immediately adjoining streets or mews immediately adjoining that length of road.

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Stevenage

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, section 65 Taxi fares and tariffs consultation – Annual Review 2023
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Additional charges (which must be added on the meter at the start of the journey)

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For each person in excess of one:

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£50 (maximum) Soiling charge (for whatever reason)

The above tariff is proposed to take effect from 20 July 2023 A copy of this notice will be available for inspection at the Council Offices during public opening hours. The consultation review and supporting information are available at https://www.stevenage.gov.u/have-your-say to complete. Paper copies are available from the Customer Service Centre, Daneshill House.

Any comments and option preference to the above consultation review must be made in writing to:

The Commercial and Licensing Manager, Stevenage Borough Council, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage, SG1 1HN or via email to licensing@stevenage.gov.uk no later than 6 July 2023.

Dated: 22 June 2023 411

Signed: Zavd Al-Jawad

Assistant Director of Planning and Regulation

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Stellenage

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (MARYMEAD OURT AND MARYMEAD DRIVE, STEVENAGE) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2023

(RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2023
NOTICE IS HERBER GIVEN that the Stevenage
Borough Council, acting as agents for the
Hertfordshire County Council and after
consultation with the Chief Officer of Police
proposes to make the above-named Order
under Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Road Traffic
Regulation Act 1984.

This Order is proposed to facilitate the passage of traffic on these roads, by preventing hazardous or obstructive parking from taking place.

place.
The effect of The Borough of Stevenage (Marymead Court and Marymead Drive, Stevenage) (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2023 would be to prohibit waiting at any time at the 'bottleneck' junction of Marymead Court with Marymead Drive, Stevenage.

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Full details of these proposals are set out in the draft Order which, together with plans and a statement of reasons for proper and a statement of reasons for proper and a statement of reasons for proper and the order, can be examined during forman lening hours at the Council's offices in Daneshill House, Details can also be viewed on the Council's web site at https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/parking/traffic-regulation-orders/proposed-traffic-orders For general enquiries about this order, please contact Liviu Azoical via email at troëstevenage, gov.uk or by telephone on 01438 242 242.
Formal objections to the proposals, stating the grounds upon which they are made and the names and full address of the person making the objection should be made in writting to Stevenage Borough Council, at the address below or via email to troëstevenage, gov.uk before 16 July 2023, Comments in support of the proposals will also be received during this time.

M Partridge, Chief Executive, Stevenage Borough Council, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage, SG1 1HN.

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The following PROPOSALS are the subject of an application submitted to the Council. PROPOSAL AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA

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PROPOSAL AFFECTING A LISTED BUILDING OR A BUILDING OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST

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PROPOSAL AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A

23/01344/FPH Great Barn Rabley Heath Ro Codicote Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 SUA Conversion of outbuilding to office including replacement roof

replacement roof
The application details can be viewed on the
Council's web site at www.north-herts.gov.uk/
home/planning. Any person who wishes to mak
representations about the PROPOSAL should
submit them in writing to this office by no later
than 23 days from the date of this notice. For
householder applications, in the event of an
appeal against refusal of planning permission,
which is to be dealt with on the basis of
representations in writing, any representations
made about this application will be sent to the
Scertary of State, and there will be no further
opportunity to comment at appeal atage.

Date: 29/06/21

Date: 29/06/2023

Service Director - Regulatory
Correspondence address:
North Hertfordshire District Council PO Box 10613

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Stevenage

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (VARIOUS ROADS IN CHELLS AND MANOR WARDS, STEVENAGE) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING)

THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (PRIESTLEY ROAD, STEVENAGE) (PROHIBITION OF VERGE AND FOOTWAY

PARKING) ORDER 2023 NOTICE IS MEREBY GIVEN that the St Borough Council, acting as agents for the Hertfordshire County Council in order to facilitate the passage of traffic on these roads, by preventing hazardous or obstructive parking om taking place and, to maintain and improve the amenity of the area by preventing damage to verges and footways caused by parking, propo-under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to ntroduce waiting restrictions and prohibition of verge and footway parking in Stevenage as specified in the Schedules to this Notice. specified in the Schedules to this Notice. Full details of these proposels are set out in the draft Orders which, together with plane and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders, can be examined during normal opening hours at the Council's offices in Daneshill House bratils can also be viewed on the Council's web state at https://www.atevenage.gov.uk/parking/ traffio-regulation-orders/proposed-traffio-orders For general enquiries about this order, please contact Darren Nottingham via email at tro@stevenage.gov.uk/ or by telephone on 01438 242242.

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Tormal objections to the proposals, stating the grounds upon which they are made and the names and full address of the person making the objection should be made in writing to Stevenage Borough Council, at the address below or via email to troestevenage.gov.uk before 23 July 2023. Comments in support of the proposals will also be received during this time. Scheduls 1, 16 walking at any time – effection those sections of road herein listed and as set out in the Order and secompanying blane. Parts of Austen Paths, Aylward Drive, Brittain Way, Byron Close, Chelle Lane, Chells Way, Columbus Close, Cornfielde, Dryden Grescent, Elicit Road, Ferrier Road, Keats Close, Keller Close, Newton Road, Priestry Road, Keats Close, Keller Close, Newton Road, Priestry Road, I we White Road, Priestley Road, Siddons Road. The White Way and Warwick Road.

Schedule 2: Prohibition of verge and footway parking - effecting those se parking - energing mass sections or road, herein listed and as set out in the Order and accompanying plan - Parts of Priestley Road, except its cul-de-sacs serving no's 2-74 and

no's 104 -174

M Partridge, Chief Executive, Stevenage

Borough Council, Daneshill House, Danestrete,
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Additional charges (which must be added on the meter at the start of the journey)
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The above tariff is proposed to take effect from 20 July 2023

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Appendix 4

Public Notice



Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, section 65

Taxi fares and tariffs consultation – Annual Review 2023

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For each person in excess of one:

20 pence

Additional charges should total no more than £2:00

Soiling charge (for whatever reason)

£50 (maximum)

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Dated: 22 June 2023

Signed:

Zayd Al-Jawad

Assistant Director of Planning and Regulation

Appendix 5

Email to trade re Consultation Survey

Alex Marsh

From:

Licensing

Sent:

22 June 2023 16:02

To:

Alex Marsh

Subject:

Taxi Tariff Review 2023 Quick Survey

Attachments:

ufm2.rtf

Following the Preliminary Engagement Survey, please see attached QR Code link to the public consultation for the annual Taxi Tariff review .

Please scan the QR Code attached or click on the link below to fill out the survey. The consultation survey should take no longer than a couple of minutes to complete.

HYPERLINK "https://forms.office.com/e/r3XQnPe8qq "https://forms.office.com/e/r3XQnPe8qq

This consultation will run until midnight Thursday 6th July and all responses will be in cluded in the committee report along with the responses to the Preliminary Engagement Survey which have helped shape this main consultation.

Supporting information can be found at:

HYPERLINK "

https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/documents/licensing/annual-taxi-fares-and-tariffs-review-consultation-options.pdf" https://www.stevenage.gov.uk/documents/licensing/annual-taxi-fares-and-tariffs-review-consultation-options.pdf

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Licensing Office on 01438 242724.

Yours Sincerely, Licensing Administration Stevenage Borough Council

Taxi Tariff & Fares - Annual Review



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Appendix 6

Public Consultation Response Summary

Taxi Tariff & Fares - Annual Review

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Responses

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Average time to complete

Active

Status

1. Please let us know what you think of the current minimum fare and taxi tariffs

67 Responses Latest Responses

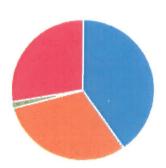
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"Just about right"

"I think it's appropriate. Further rises will simply burden us gi...

2. In which capacity are you completing this consultation survey?





3. Full Name

Responses

4. Email Address

Responses

Latest Responses

5. Badge Number

Responses

6. Please let us know your views on the options on taxi fares outlined in this consultation:

Option 1

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Option 2

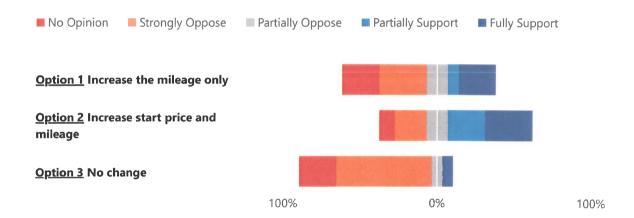
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Option 3

No change

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7. Comments

Responses

8. Full Name

22 Responses

Latest Responses

9. Email Address

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Responses

Latest Responses

10. Badge Number

Responses

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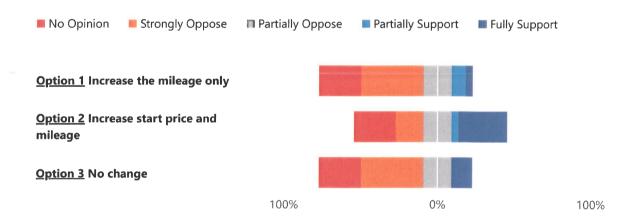
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12. Comments

Responses

13. Name of Person Completing Survey

Responses

Latest Responses

14. Email Address

Responses

Latest Responses

15. Name of Operator

Responses

Latest Responses

16. Operator Licence Number

Responses

17. Please let us know your views on the options on taxi fares outlined in this consultation:

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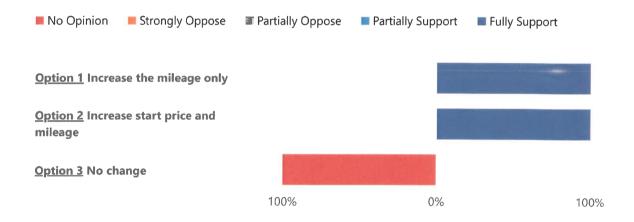
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18. Comments

Responses

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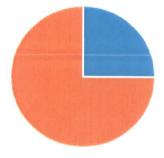
Responses

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Latest Responses

Responses

- 21. Which of the following best describes you?
 - When I use taxis, I go to a taxi r... 5
 - I pre book my taxis through a lo... 15



22. Please let us know your views on the options on taxi fares outlined in this consultation:

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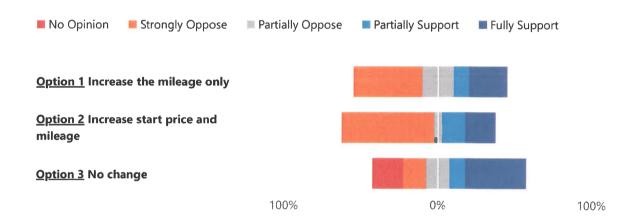
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23. Comments

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