

Appendix 3

Dear Hackney Carriage Vehicle Owner

The Council had been asked to consider approving an increase to hackney carriage tariffs. I have spoken at length to the Stockton Hackney Carriage Driver Association (SHCDA) and members of the trade who confirmed the proposal below.

The Council will decide whether the increase should be implemented taking into account the needs and views of both the trade and the travelling public, if approved the increase would likely take effect in Spring.

Please note that should an increase be approved it represents the highest charge that can be made **you would remain at liberty to charge less if you wished.**

New Tariff Proposal

Tariff 1

Standard Fares (except for such periods as fall within Tariff 2 and Tariff 3)

£3.00 First half mile or part (was £2.50)

10p each following 120 yards or part (was 136 yards)

Tariff 2

Fares between 22:00-06:00 and all day on statutory Bank Holidays (was 00:00 – 06:00)

£3.50 First half mile or part (was £2.80)

15p each following 120 yards or part (was 136 yards)

Tariff 3 New Tariff

5 or more passengers

£4.00 First half mile or part

20p each following 146 yards or part

Extras

£40.00 Soiling Charge (was £30.00)

15p Each period of 30 seconds or part, waiting time (was 10p)

30p Luggage stored in boot or designated area (was 20p)

(excluding wheelchairs or any other apparatus used to assist persons with a disability)

As the proposal has been made by the trade, I shall assume that it has your support. However if you have any comments either for or against the proposal please email your comments **INCLUDING YOUR NAME ADDRESS AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE NUMBER TO**

licensing.administration@stockton.gov.uk by Sunday 20 March 2022 .

Unless the majority of HC owners email reply that they **do not** want an increase, I shall start the formal process and take the matter to the Council's Licensing Committee in April 2022.