

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOODS**ORIGINATING SECTION : PUBLIC PROTECTION SERVICE****REPORT TO : LICENSING COMMITTEE****21:06:11****TITLE : APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES
APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES****1. PURPOSE**

For Members to requests received from the hackney carriage trade for increases in the hackney carriage fares.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

For Members to consider the tabled requests and recommend a preferred tariff for publication and consultation with the public.

3. DETAIL

An application was received from the Chairman, Mr. C Oakes, of the Hackney Drivers' Association Ltd. for an increase in Hackney Carriage fares.

His letter of application is detailed appendix 1.

The request is for an increase in the minimum charges, and amending the time when the current tariff 2 is commenced. (Tariff 1 will be for 24 hours, 7 days per week, and Tariff 2 will only commence over the Christmas and New Year period) It is proposed that Tariff 3 will be deleted.

A further request was received from Mohammed Younis, Chairman of the Blackburn and Darwen Hackney Carriage Association

His letter of application is detailed at appendix 2

This request details an increase across all 3 tariffs.

Blackburn with Darwen's current fares are significantly lower than neighbouring authorities; if this request was granted it would bring Blackburn with Darwen into line with other authorities

Blackburn with Darwen's current tariff is detailed at Appendix 3

4. RATIONALE

In accordance with Section 65(2)(a) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, when a district council make or vary a table of fares they shall publish in at least one local newspaper circulating in the district, a notice setting out the table of fares, or the variation thereof, and specifying the period, which shall be not less than fourteen days from the date of the first publication of the notice, within which, and the manner in which objections to the table of fares or variation can be made.

Following a recommendation from Members A copy of the notice referred to in the previous paragraph will be published in the Lancashire Telegraph. For a period of fourteen days from the date of the publication it will be deposited at the offices of the Council and shall at all reasonable hours be open to public inspection without payment.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for the Council, apart from the fee for the advert, but there is an opportunity for increased financial rewards to the hackney carriage trade. Users of hackney carriages would incur an increase in the cost of each journey undertaken by the customer.

Regular daytime users of hackney carriages, including disabled groups may suffer financial hardship as a result of an increase in fares. However, due to the increase in the running costs of vehicles, especially with the current high fuel prices, this would have inevitably increased the overheads of the proprietors of these types of vehicles.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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7. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

8. CONSULTATIONS

The consultation will commence with the publication of the advert, this will be placed following a recommendation from Members.

9 . CONTACT OFFICER

Donna Riding – Principal Officer - Licensing
Telephone 01254 222505

THE HACKNEY DRIVERS ASSOCIATION LTD

BOLTON, BURY, BURNLEY, PRESTON, CHORLEY, HACKNEY
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATING PRESTON, HACKNEY CARRIAGE
ASSOCIATION, & BURNLEY HACKNEY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Blackburn Council
Licensing Department
Blackburn.

By E-Mail Only.

18 May 2011

Dear, Licensing Department,

Re - Hackney Carriage Table of Fares for 2011

The Hackney Drivers Association Ltd as been instructed by its members to Formerly request Blackburn council to consider the recommendations for following Changes to the fares charged by Hackney Carriages in Blackburn.

The last increase was black in 2008, and therefore they now seek to increase Fares to reflect the national Average or part of the National Average from by May 2011,

National Average May 2011

	Blackburn now	National Average May 2011
Flag Fall Tariff One	£2.15	£2.56
Flag Fall Tariff Two	£2.25	£3.40

It is therefore our proposal to do just that and to seek an increase to the flag Fall of both Tariff one (1) & Tariff Two (2) to bring Preston in line with the national average from 2011.

Proposed Increases.

	Blackburn now	proposed Increases
Flag Fall Yardage Tariff One	724.71 yards £2.25	724.71 yards for £2.40
For each succeeding	103.53 yards £0.10	103.53 yards for £0.10
Flag Fall Yardage Tariff Two	660 Yards £3.15	660 Yards £3.15
For each succeeding	220 yards £0.30	220 yards £0.30

SOILING CHARGE

	Blackburn Now	Proposed Increase
Soiling Charge	£25	£30

ALL OTHER ADDITIONAL CHARGES.

	Blackburn Now	Proposed Increase
Articles of luggage conveyed outside The passenger compartment	£0.20p	No Change
For Each Passenger in excess of One - For each person	£0.10p	No Change
Pets. Dogs and Cats (NB Assistance Dogs Free)	£0.50p	£1.00
Waiting period for each period of 60 Seconds or uncompleted part thereof	£0.10	£0.10

FUEL

March 2011, Average cost of Diesel per litre (North West)	£ 138.5
April 2011, Average cost of Diesel per litre (North West)	£ 141.7

Licences Blackburn Council

Driver	2010 £60.00	2011 £61.80	12 Mouths
Vehicle.	2010 £217	2011 £223.85	12 Mouths
	2010 £118	2011 £121.55	6 Mouths

Comparisons.

Blackburn presently sits at 336 as of May 2011. in the league table of 377 Council and will continue to drop as more authorities take increases in fares.

Councils May prefer a method of measure against demographically relate areas. This information comes from Taxi and Private Hire Monthly, May 2011 and the preferred unit is a two mile journey on tariff one (1).

Blackburn	£ 4.45 now
Lincoln	£ 5.40
Worcester	£ 5.10
Carlisle	£ 5.10
Durham	£ 4.90
Preston	£ 4.80
Burnley	£ 4.50

Most council have yet to half an increase for 2011

We consider it fairer to make a comparison against the national average (£5.21)

and our immediate neighbours

Bolton	£5.20
Ribble Valley	£5.30
Wyre	£5.30
Fylde	£5.10
South Ribble	£4.80
Preston	£4.80
Chorley	£4.60

Our proposed increases will bring the trade in Blackburn back nearer to where they should be in line with others.. It should also be noted that many councils have not yet increase fare. but if they do Blackburn will fall further down the National Average tables they are only 41 Places from the Bottom now.

Yours Sincerely,

C. Oakes

Chairman The Hackney Drivers Association, Ltd

bbha@btinternet.com

The Hackney drivers Association Ltd, Reg office 38 Shireburn Ave Tongfold Bolton,
BL2 2SX. Company No 6919511.

BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL**PROPOSED LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES**

For Hiring between 6.00 am and 6.00 am Monday / Sunday 24 hours 7 days and Bank Holidays		Waiting period for each period of 60 seconds or uncompleted part thereof	10p
If the distance does not exceed 725 metres (793 yards) for the whole thereof	£2.40	Additional charges	
If the distance exceed 725 metres (109 yards) for the first 725 metres	£2.40	a) Articles of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the Hackney Carriage	20p
For each subsequent 100 metres (109 yards) or lesser portion thereof	10p	b) For the first person in excess of one conveyed	10p
For Hiring between 6.00 pm 24th December and 6.00 am 27th December and between 6.00pm 31st and 6.00am 2nd January		For each subsequent person conveyed	10p
		Wheelchairs for disabled persons	Free
If the distance does not exceed 725 metres (793 yards) for the whole thereof	£3.15	Assistance dogs	Free
		Pets. Dogs and Cats	£1.00
If the distance exceeds 725 metres (793 yards) for the first 731 metres	£3.15	Valet fee if vehicle fouled	£30
For each subsequent 100 metres (109 yards) or lesser portion thereof	15p		

NO OTHER CHARGES MAY BE MADE

**Distance - The above fares apply throughout the
whole of the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council**

TARIFF 1

For hiring commenced between the hours 6.00 am and 6.00 am Monday to Sunday:

- For the first 793 yards£2.40
- For each succeeding 109 yards£0.10

TARIFF 2

For hiring commenced between the hours 6.00 pm Christmas Eve 24th December and 6.00 am 27th December and between 6.00 pm New Year's Eve and 7.00 am 2 January:

- For the first 793 yards£3.15
- For each succeeding 109 yards£0.15

Waiting time on each tariff - For each period of 1 minute (or part)..... £0.10

EXTRAS

- For each article of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the carriage£0.10
- For each person in excess of 1 for each whole journey.....£0.20
- PETS, Dogs and Cats.....£1.00
- Assistance Dogs.....Free

SOILING CHARGE

- To cover cleaning and loss of income, where the interior of the vehicle is soiled (at The discretion of the driver)£30.00.

UP-FRONT PAYMENTS

- DRIVERS MAY ASK YOU TO PAY AN ESTIMATED FARE/DEPOSIT UP-FRONT
- IF YOU DO NOT AGREE YOU MAY BE REFUSED TRAVEL.

Dear Ms Riding

Could we ask you to consider the new lay out for fare cards?

C. Oakes

APPENDIX 2

The Chairman
Blackburn and Darwen Hackney Carriage Association
The Hackney Carriage Cabin, Taxi Ranks
Railway Road
Blackburn, BB1 5AX

10 June 2011

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Town Hall
Blackburn
BB1 7DY

Dear Councillors

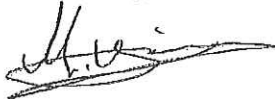
Re: Hackney Carriage Fares

I am writing on behalf of my members to you with regards of an increase in the fares of Hackney Carriage. The last time we increased our fares was in the year **2008**. We would like you to consider that we could increase our fares. The average increase will be about **2.21%** per year, for the last three years.

I am enclosing an amended price list and a breakdown of the percentage increase per mile for your reference.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Mohammed Younis
Chairman

APPENDIX 2a

NEW FARES				2011			Average Increase = 6.64%		
Miles	Tarrif 1			Tarrif 2			Tarrif 3		
	Old	New	%	Old	New	%	Old	New	%
	Amount	Amount		Amount	Amount		Amount	Amount	
1.00	2.90	3.10	6.90	3.25	3.46	6.46	4.65	4.93	6.02
2.00	4.40	4.70	6.82	4.95	5.25	6.06	7.05	7.53	6.81
3.00	5.90	6.30	6.78	6.65	7.05	6.02	9.45	10.13	7.20
4.00	7.40	7.90	6.76	8.35	8.84	5.87	11.85	12.73	7.43
5.00	8.90	9.50	6.74	10.05	10.64	5.87	14.25	15.33	7.58
6.00	10.40	11.10	6.73	11.75	12.44	5.87	16.65	17.93	7.69
Average increase			6.79			6.02			7.12
Note: caluculations are based on yards prices									

2011

BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
2011
PROPOSED LICENSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES

For Hiring between 6.00 am and 6.00 pm Monday to Saturday (excluding Bank Holidays)		Waiting period for each period of 45 seconds or uncompleted part thereof	10p
If the distance does not exceed 805 metres (880 yards) for the whole thereof	£2.30		
		Additional charges	
If the distance exceed 805 metres (880 yards) for the first 805 metres (880 yards)	£2.30	a) Articles of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment of the Hackney Carriage	20p
For each subsequent 101 metres (110 yards) or lesser portion thereof	10p	b) For the first person in excess of one conveyed	10p
For Hiring between 6.00 pm and 6.00 am Monday to Saturday, All day Sundays, and Bank Holidays		For each subsequent person conveyed	10p
		Wheelchairs for disabled persons	Free
If the distance does not exceed 663 metres (725 yards) for the whole thereof	£2.40	Assistance dogs	Free
		Pets, Dogs and Cats	50p
If the distance exceeds 663 metres (725 yards) for the first 663 metres (725 yards)	£2.40	Valet fee if vehicle fouled	£25
For each subsequent 89 metres (98 yards) or lesser portion thereof	10p		
For Hiring between 6.00 pm 24th December and 6.00 am 27th December and between 6.00 pm 31st December and 6.00 am 2nd January			
If the distance does not exceed 603 metres (660 yards) for the whole thereof			£3.30
If the distance exceed 603 metres (660 yards) for the first 603 metres (660 yards)			£3.30
For each subsequent 185 metres (203 yards) or lesser portion thereof			30p
Journey over 6 miles from point of pickup – Tariff Two			

NO OTHER CHARGES MAY BE MADE

**Distance - The above fares apply throughout the
whole of the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council**



Hackney Carriage Table of Fares

Applies to all journeys within the Borough Boundary and to journeys outside the Borough Boundary unless agreed otherwise between driver and hirer prior to the hiring.

TARIFF 1

For hiring commenced between the hours 6.00 am and 6.00pm Monday to Saturday (excl Bank Holidays)

❖ For the first 880 yards (half a mile) or 5 minutes and 15 seconds	£2.15
❖ For each succeeding 176 yards (one tenth of a mile) or 63 seconds thereafter	£0.15
(Equivalent of £1.50 per mile)	

TARIFF 2

For hiring commenced between 6.00pm and 6.00 am Monday to Saturday, All day Sundays and Bank Holidays (excluding Christmas and New Year):

❖ For the first 724.71 yards (7 x seventeenths of a mile) or 4 minutes and 54 seconds	£2.25
❖ For each succeeding 103.53 yards (1x seventeenth of a mile) or 42 seconds thereafter.	£0.10
(Equivalent of £1.70 per mile)	

TARIFF 3

For hiring commenced between the hours 6.00 pm Christmas Eve and 6.00 am 27 December and between 6.00 pm New Year's Eve and 6.00 am 2 January:

❖ For the first 660 yards (3 eighths of a mile) or 4 minutes 30 seconds	£3.15
❖ For each succeeding 220 yards (1x eighth of a mile) or 90 seconds thereafter	£0.30
(Equivalent of £ 2.40 per mile)	

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

Articles of luggage conveyed outside the passenger compartment	£0.20
For each passenger in excess of one ~ for each person	£0.10
Pets, Dogs and Cats (NB assistance dogs travel free of charge)	£0.50
To cover cleaning and loss of income, where the interior of the vehicle is soiled (at the discretion of the driver) not exceeding	£25.00
NB ~ WHEELCHAIRS FOR DISABLED PASSENGERS AT TO BE CARRIED FREE OF CHARGE	

UP-FRONT PAYMENTS

DRIVERS MAY ASK YOU TO PAY AN ESTIMATED FARE/DEPOSIT UP-FRONT
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COMPLAINTS

In case of complaint, please contact the Licensing Section, 3-5 Salford, Blackburn, BB1 6HG (Telephone: 01254 222505) giving the number of the Hackney Carriage Licence and full details