

Date of issue: Wednesday, 16th March 2022

MEETING	LICENSING COMMITTEE (Councillors H Cheema (Chair), R Davis (Vice-Chair), Anderson, Bains, Brooker, Dhaliwal, Gill, Malik, S Parmar, Sharif and Strutton)
DATE AND TIME:	THURSDAY, 24TH MARCH, 2022 AT 6.30 PM
VENUE:	COUNCIL CHAMBER - OBSERVATORY HOUSE, 25 WINDSOR ROAD, SL1 2EL
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER: (for all enquiries)	SHABANA KAUSER 07821 811 259

NOTICE OF MEETING

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GAVIN JONES
Chief Executive

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PREDETERMINATION/PREDISPOSITION - GUIDANCE

The Council often has to make controversial decisions that affect people adversely and this can place individual members in a difficult position. They are expected to represent the interests of their constituents and political party and have strong views but it is also a well established legal principle that members who make these decisions must not be biased nor must they have pre-determined the outcome of the decision. This is especially so in “quasi judicial” decisions in planning and licensing committees. This Note seeks to provide guidance on what is legally permissible and when members may participate in decisions. It should be read alongside the Code of Conduct.

Predisposition

Predisposition is lawful. Members may have strong views on a proposed decision, and may have expressed those views in public, and still participate in a decision. This will include political views and manifesto commitments. The key issue is that the member ensures that their predisposition does not prevent them from consideration of all the other factors that are relevant to a decision, such as committee reports, supporting documents and the views of objectors. In other words, the member retains an “open mind”.

Section 25 of the Localism Act 2011 confirms this position by providing that a decision will not be unlawful because of an allegation of bias or pre-determination “just because” a member has done anything that would indicate what view they may take in relation to a matter relevant to a decision. However, if a member has done something more than indicate a view on a decision, this may be unlawful bias or predetermination so it is important that advice is sought where this may be the case.

Pre-determination / Bias

Pre-determination and bias are unlawful and can make a decision unlawful. Predetermination means having a “closed mind”. In other words, a member has made his/her mind up on a decision before considering or hearing all the relevant evidence. Bias can also arise from a member’s relationships or interests, as well as their state of mind. The Code of Conduct’s requirement to declare interests and withdraw from meetings prevents most obvious forms of bias, e.g. not deciding your own planning application. However, members may also consider that a “non-pecuniary interest” under the Code also gives rise to a risk of what is called apparent bias. The legal test is: “whether the fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was a real possibility that the Committee was biased’. A fair minded observer takes an objective and balanced view of the situation but Members who think that they have a relationship or interest that may raise a possibility of bias, should seek advice.

This is a complex area and this note should be read as general guidance only. Members who need advice on individual decisions, should contact the Monitoring Officer.

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Licensing Committee – Meeting held on Thursday, 14th October, 2021.

Present:- Councillors H Cheema (Chair), R Davis (Vice-Chair), Anderson, Bains, Brooker, Gill, Malik, Sharif (from 6.38pm) and Strutton

Also present under Rule 30:- Councillors A Cheema and Gahir

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Dhaliwal and S Parmar

PART 1

6. Declarations of Interest

None received.

7. Guidance on Predetermination/ Predisposition - To Note

Members confirmed that they had read and understood the guidance on predetermination and predisposition

8. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 4th June 2020

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th June, 202 be approved as a correct record.

9. Gambling Act 2005 - Review of 'Statement of Principles'

The Committee were reminded of the statutory requirement to conduct a review of the Statement of Principles, as specified under the Gambling Act 2005, every three years. The Gambling Act 2005 placed the responsibility for the regulation of gambling on the Gambling Commission to regulate the operators of gambling premises and to issue codes of practice and guidance. The functions of the Council under the Act were outlined as:

- license premises for gambling activities;
- consider notices for temporary use of premises for gambling;
- grant permits for gaming and gaming machines in clubs and miners welfare institutes;
- regulate gaming and gaming machines in alcohol licensed premises;
- grant permits to family entertainment centres for the use of certain lower stake gaming machines;
- grant permits for prize gaming;
- consider occasional use notices for betting at tracks; and
- register small society lotteries.

The Principal Licensing Officer informed Members that a consultation was conducted between 23rd July 2021 and 3rd September 2021. The consultation included a press release, information on the Council's website, as well as with all elected members of the Council. One response to the consultation was

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received from Thames Valley Police, indicating that they had no objections to the draft Statement of Principles.

Members discussed the revised Statement of Principles, noting that there were no significant changes from the previous statement. A number of questions including regulation and enforcement at premises and types of gaming machines and pay-outs were discussed; following which the Committee agreed to recommend the Statement of Principles Policy to Council for adoption.

Recommended to Council - That the Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles Policy (as amended 2021), as set out in Appendix A, is adopted as the Gambling Act Statement of Principles.

10. Date of Next Meeting - 10th February 2022

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 10th February 2022.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 6.44 pm)

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Licensing Committee **DATE:** 24th March 2022

CONTACT OFFICER: Melanie Sagar, Principal Licensing Officer
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WARD(S): ALL

PART I
FOR DECISION**PROPOSED HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE TARIFF INCREASE****1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to review the current Hackney Carriage Vehicle Tariff fare scale and consider whether to approve the request from the Slough Taxi Federation to increase the approved Hackney Carriage Vehicle tariff in light of rises in running costs such as fuel and insurance to the trade.

2. Officer Recommendation

- 2.1 The following recommendations are being made:

(a) That the Committee approves the proposed new tariff chart as attached at **Appendix C**; and

(b) If following the public notice relating to the new tariff any objections are received and not withdrawn the objections shall be determined by the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager in consultation with the Licensing Committee Chair, who shall determine whether or not to modify the approved new tariff chart and in the event that objections are materially significant the matter be referred back to the Committee for consideration.

- 2.2 If the proposed fare increase is approved, this will be the first fare increase since 2013 and will bring the fare chart into compliance with Criminal and Civil legislation enacted since 2013. This chart also considers drivers' responsibilities under the Equalities Act.

- 2.3 The licensing team are in support of the proposed chart (**Appendix C**) as it gives clarity and transparency to new additional charges such as road usage charges.

3. Alternative options

- 3.1 Alternative options include the following:

- Approve part of the requested increase;
- Approve a different increase to that proposed;
- Not approve the requested increase and leave the fares at the current rate; or
- Not to approve the requested increase and incorporate the legislative changes.

4. Background

- 4.1 The current tariff scale was set and approved by the Licensing Committee in 2013. A copy of the 2013 report is attached at **Appendix A**.
- 4.2 On 20 January 2022 the Slough Taxi Federation submitted a written request for an increase in the current Tariff. The written request is attached at **Appendix B**. The fare chart included was their original proposal. The Slough Taxi Federation consulted with their members prior to making the request.
- 4.3 After a number of suggested amendments to the proposed tariffs from Russell Denney-Clarke, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager and Melanie Sagar, Principal Licensing Officer, the final, agreed proposed new tariff chart is attached at **Appendix C** and the written agreement to this received 03 March 2022 from the Slough Taxi Federation is attached at **Appendix D**
- 4.5 For information, there are currently 104 licenced hackney vehicles and Slough Taxi Federation represents over 90% of these drivers, therefore this is a fair representative sample of drivers and no pre-consultation is required. Any other persons with an interest in the new fare chart will be consulted with when signed off by the committee and duly advertised in accordance with the law.

5. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan

(a) Slough Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

Consideration has been given to these priorities however the nature of the hackney fares is outside the scope of these priorities.

(b) Five Year Plan Outcomes

Consideration has been given to these priorities however the nature of the hackney fares is outside the scope of these priorities.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications for the Council arising from the proposed increases.
- 6.2 The tariffs do not represent income to Slough Borough Council. The approval of tariff increases has been requested by the Slough Taxi Federation based on the increasing costs of running taxis. There has not been an increase in rates in Slough for approximately 8 years
- 6.3 If the tariff increase is approved, there is a legal obligation to publish details of this in local newspapers. Any person may write in with a representation against the tariff increase. Should this happen all representations will be presented to the Chair of the Licensing Committee in conjunction with the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager who shall decide whether to modify the proposed table of fares. In addition to this, taxi drivers will be invited individually to comment. As there could be equality implications, the chart will also be considered by the Council's disability forum.
- 6.4 The table of fares (whether modified or not) shall come into force within two months from the date that the tariff increase was to take effect as stated in the advertisement.

6.5 On 25 January 2007 the Committee approved that the costs of advertising the fare charges in the local newspapers be met by the Hackney vehicle proprietors from the next submission of the proposed fare Increases. The Slough Taxi Federation has agreed that the cost of the advertisement will be divided between the proprietors and payable to the Council as soon as the advertisement is published.

7. Risk Management

Recommendation from section 2 above	Risks/Threats/ Opportunities	Current Controls	Using the Risk Management Matrix Score the risk	Future Controls
As detailed in Point 2.	The provisions for the Council to approve Hackney Carriage fares are contained within the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976	The drivers are looking at the tariff to be increased to mitigate the rising costs of fuel and insurance.	2	There isn't really anything as the Drivers request the increase and tied in legislation.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 Local authorities have a statutory power to set the maximum fares that licensed hackney carriages (taxis) can charge for a journey. Under section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (“the 1976 Act”), local authorities have the power to “...fix the rates or fares within the district as well for time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle or with the arrangements for the hire of a vehicle, to be paid in respect of the hire of hackney carriages by means of a table (hereafter in this section referred to as a “table of fares”) made or varied in accordance with the provisions of this section.”

8.2 The procedure for setting fares and public notice requirements are stipulated within section 65 of the 1976 Act.

8.3 There is no right of appeal so any legal challenge to the final decision made would be by way of judicial review.

8.4 There are no human rights implications in adopting the recommendations of this report.

9. Equalities Impact Assessment

9.1 It is important that the Council through its licensing functions protects the public by ensuring that the fares charged by licensed Hackney Carriages are fair, justified and not excessive.

- 9.2 When considering the requested tariff increase regard was given to the Equality Act 2010 and Trading Standards enforced legislation to ensure, as far as possible, that the proposed tariffs are not misleading, unfair or discriminatory to passengers without adversely altering the requested increase.
- 9.3 In devising the new table of fares (**Appendix C**) where there is additional adult passenger charges this was increased to 3 passengers (from 2) to account for a companion for persons considered disabled or with hidden disabilities.

10. Supporting Information

- 10.1 The process of setting a fare increase is complex and a balance needs to be struck between the legitimate aims of the taxi trade to maintain profitability in the face of increasing costs, while protecting the public from excessive fares.
- 10.2 The trade are not obligated to charge the maximum fare. This means that hackney carriage drivers are within their rights to negotiate the fare down provided that the final agreed fare is no more than the maximum set.
- 10.3 If the proposed increase of fare is approved, local authorities must follow the procedure set out in section 65 of the 1976 Act before the new fares can come into effect and this includes the following:
- i. A notice must be published in a local newspaper, stating the proposed fares or variation of the fare and must give at least 14 days' notice for any objections to be received.
 - ii. A notice must also be displayed at the town hall/council office.
 - iii. If no objections are received, the fares take effect on the specified date.
 - iv. If objections are received (and not withdrawn) the local authority must consider the objections.
 - v. The local authority may make alterations to the tariff in light of the objections received.
 - vi. The local authority may decide not to alter the proposed fares (where objections have been received). The fare table would come into effect within two months of the original date.
 - vii. The local authority may decide to alter the proposed fares (where objections have been received) and the revised fare table would come into effect within two months of the original date.
- 10.4 It is also important to note that miles, yards, feet and inches must be used when setting hackney carriage fares.
- 10.5 Once the table of fares have been set, they apply to Hackney Carriages which are licensed to ply for hire within the district.
- 10.6 Within the district it is an offence (s.58 Town Police Clauses Act 1847 TCPA 1847) to charge more than the fare shown on the meter (plus any legitimate extras). A hirer can agree a fare in advance, for a sum that may be less than shown of the

meter at the end of hiring. TPCA 1847 s.55 outlaws any agreement to pay more than the metered fare, irrespective of what may have been agreed beforehand.

- 10.7 Section 66 of the 1976 Act prohibits any demand of a fare greater than that shown on the meter for hiring's which end outside the district area of the council in which the hackney carriage is licensed, unless an agreement to pay more than the metered fare has been made in advance of the hiring commencing.

11. Comments of Other Committees

None.

12. Conclusion

- 12.1 The issue of setting fares for hackney carriage drivers is an important one primarily for two reasons. The fares set by local authorities largely determine the ability of drivers to earn a decent living but also functions to ensure that passengers receive a fair deal when taking a journey in a licensed hackney carriage.

12.1 To summarise:

- It is the local authority who set the hackney carriage fares.
- The fare chart must be in miles, yards, feet and inches.
- For a hiring ending **within the district**, a hackney carriage driver cannot charge more than the fare shown on the meter (but can charge less).
- For a hiring ending **outside the district**, a fare greater than that shown on the meter can be charged but it must have been agreed with the hirer in advance in addition to any road usage charges which must be agreed by the passenger before hiring.

- 12.2 Taking all the information into account Members are asked to seek a way forward in terms of fare setting and to determine if the requested fare increase and chart should be approved and if so, that the hackney carriage proprietors pay for the advertisement of said fares.

13. Appendices Attached

'A' - 2013 Taxi Tariff

'B' - Slough Taxi Federation written tariff increase request 20 January 2022

'C' - 2022 proposed increase tariff chart

'D' - Slough Taxi Federation written agreement for 2022 proposed increase tariff chart

14. **Background Papers**

'1' - [Local Government \(Miscellaneous Provisions\) Act 1976](#)

'2' - [Town Police Clauses Act 1847](#)

'3' - [Equality Act 2010](#)

'4' - Trading Standards legislation:

[The Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008 \(as amended\)](#)

[The Consumer Rights \(Payment Surcharges\) Regulations 2012 \(as amended\)](#)

[The Consumer Rights Act 2015 \(as amended\)](#)

[The Consumer Contracts \(Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges\) Regulations 2013](#)

Slough Hackney Carriage Tariff 2013

Period Application	Daily 5am to 10pm	Daily Midnight to 5am	Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve 6pm to Midnight	All day Christmas day, Boxing day & New Year's day
Tariff Rate	1	2	3	4
Initial distance 254 yards or initial time of 101 seconds or a combination of both	£3.40	£5.20	£5.10	£6.80
Each additional 302 yards or each additional 120 seconds or a combination of both.	£0.40	£0.40	£0.60	£0.80
Until the fare reaches	£5.00	£6.80	£7.50	£10.00
Each additional 460 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both	£0.20	£0.20	£0.30	£0.40
Until the fare reaches	£6.40	£8.20	£9.00	£12.80
Each 200 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both	£0.20	£0.20	£0.30	£0.40
Until the fare reaches	£10.00	£11.80	£15.00	£20.00
Each additional 133 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both	£0.20	£0.20	£0.30	£0.40
Additional passengers over initial 2 persons	£0.40	£0.40	£0.40	£0.40
Each large item of luggage	£0.40	£0.40	£0.40	£0.40

All charges shown inclusive of VAT where applicable.

Maximum Table of Fares

- Vehicles that are purposely made to carry more than 4 passengers will charge time and a half when doing so
- 60p is to be added to the fare for each animal carried excluding assistance dogs
- Soiling charge = £50
- Daily, between 10pm and midnight, driver to add 40p extras to Tariff 1.

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From:
Sent: 20 January 2022 15:33
To: _Licensing
Cc: Pammi
Subject: proposed Hackney Fare Chart 2022.doc CONFIDENTIAL
Attachments: proposed Hackney Fare Chart 2022.doc

Dear M Sagar

We have attached a proposed Hackney Carriage tariff fare chart. The cost of running a taxi is increasing so much, we would like to request for an increase in the fare.

As you are aware we have not had an increase for the last 9-10 years, with the cost of fuel rocketing sky high, along with running a taxi. We are requesting an increase which is very minimal. Hackney Carriage will still be cheaper than private hire on local jobs as you are aware private hire have put prices up from £5 to £6.

The drivers are finding it very difficult in making a living at the moment. The tariff chart shows approximately a 7% increase.

Please study the new proposed tariff with the existing one, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us. We feel the chart should be half of A4 size for the drivers to display.

We would be very grateful if this increase request is put before the licensing Committee at the earliest date possible.

Kind Regards

Mr P Badial
Chair
Slough Taxi Federation

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Slough Hackney Carriage Tariff 2022 – proposed CJ & JT Fennessy v4

APPENDIX B

Period Application	Daily 05:00 - 24:00	Daily 00:00 - 05:00	Christmas Day 00:00 - 24:00 Boxing Day 00:00 - 05:00 New Year's Day 00:00 – 24:00
Tariff Rate	1	2	3
Initial distance 250 yards or initial time of 99 seconds or a combination of both	£3.40	£5.40	£5.40
Each additional 151 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both.	£0.20	£0.20	£0.30
Until the fare reaches	£5.60	£7.60	£8.40
Each additional 251 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both	£0.20	£0.20	£0.30
Until the fare reaches	£11.20	£13.20	£16.80
Each additional 135 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both	£0.20	£0.20	£0.40
Each adult passenger in excess of 2	£1.00	£1.00	£1.50
Soiling the vehicle making it unfit for immediate rehiring	£50	£50	£75
All items of luggage	free	free	free
Guide dogs or caged animals	free	free	free
Card payment no minimum spend & driver must accept	free	free	free

All charges shown inclusive of VAT where applicable.

Maximum Table of Fares

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Slough Hackney Carriage Tariff 2022 – proposed CJ & JT Fennessy v6

Period Application	Daily 05:00 - 24:00	Daily 00:00 - 05:00	Christmas Day 00:00 - 24:00 Boxing Day 00:00 - 05:00 New Year's Day 00:00 – 24:00
Tariff Rate	1	2	3
Each adult passenger in excess of 3	£0.40	£0.40	£0.60
Initial distance 250 yards or initial time of 99 seconds or a combination of both	£3.40	£5.40	£5.40
Each additional 151 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both.	£0.20	£0.20	£0.30
Until the fare reaches	£5.60	£7.60	£8.40
Each additional 251 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both	£0.20	£0.20	£0.30
Until the fare reaches	£11.20	£13.20	£16.80
Each additional 135 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both	£0.20	£0.20	£0.40
Soiling the vehicle making it unfit for immediate rehiring	£50	£50	£75
<p>The driver of this vehicle must discuss the following with passengers BEFORE moving off:</p> <p>In addition to the metered or pre-agreed fare</p> <p>Single vehicles that are hired by 5 or more passengers will be charged time and a half of the metered fare. No extra passenger charge will apply.</p> <p>EXTRA ROAD USAGE CHARGES MAY BE PAYABLE BY THE PASSENGER(S) DEPENDING ON THE JOURNEY PICK-UP AND/OR DROP-OFF POINTS.</p> <p>Extra charge examples: airport charges, congestion charges, toll road fees.</p>			
All items of luggage	free	free	free
Support and Assistance or caged animals	free	free	free
Card payment no minimum spend & driver must accept	free	free	free

All charges shown are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

Maximum Table of Fares

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From:
Sent: 03 March 2022 14:36
To: Sagar Melanie
Cc: Pammi
Subject: Re: Proposed Hackney Carriage vehicle fare increase
Attachments: MyCouncil.png; proposed Hackney Fare Chart 2022 v7.pdf

Dear M Sagar,

We are happy with the revised fare increase proposal v7. As regards to the payment for the advertising as previously it has always been paid by individual proprietors at renewal.

We understand the cost will be slightly higher because of the administration. Our members are happy to pay the extra at renewal individually. Please go ahead with the next steps.

Regards

Slough Taxi Federation

On 3 Mar 2022, at 11:16, Sagar Melanie <Melanie.Sagar@slough.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Ranjit and Paramjit

Thank you for your swift reply. I have attached v7 of the fare chart for your final sign off then I will prepare the report for the Licensing Committee.

Due to the current financial situation Slough Borough Council is faced with we will have to put forward a business case to get the advert fee payment approved and we will not get that approval without having the full fee amount available. Additionally, paying with each plate renewal would potentially increase the costs to your members as they would also have to pay for the additional administrative burden of officer time needed to manage collection of the individual extra payments.

I suggest that payment for the advert can be done by either:

- Slough Taxi Federation collecting the advert fee from all members and sending this by BACS to Slough Borough Council
 - we will then place and pay for the advert, or
- Licensing will provide Slough Taxi Federation with the required advert format and wording
 - you can then place and pay for the advert.

Kind regards

Melanie Sagar
Principal Licensing Officer
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From:**Sent:** 02 March 2022 10:30**To:** _Licensing**Cc:** Pammi**Subject:** Re: Proposed Hackney Carriage vehicle fare increase

Dear M Sagar,

We agree with proposed v6 with one amendment take off £ 1.00 and reduce to 40p.

The advertisement payment can be charged to each hackney carriage proprietor through renewal charge.

Representation from trade at the meeting

Mr P Badial

Chair

Slough Taxi Federation

Please call me

Kind Regards

Slough Taxi Federation

We would like to have 40p for over 3 passengers.

On 1 Mar 2022, at 15:20, _Licensing <Licensing@slough.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Ranjit

Further to our telephone discussion this morning I attach the fare chart with the suggested amendments I outlined to you which have been arrived at taking into

account Licensing, Trading Standards and Equalities considerations. The reasons for the suggested amendments are detailed below.

Please can you let me know the decision by close of business Thursday 3 March 2022 as I have a deadline of submitting the report by 10 March 2022 and before then I have to also get it approved by our director and legal team. If we can get this all done by 10 March 2022 the report will be heard by the Licensing Committee on 24 March 2022.

- When charging for adult passengers with recognised additional needs who have a companion/carer they must be seen as one passenger. To avoid discrimination and allow the additional needs passenger and a friend to travel without paying more, the charge applies to in excess of 3 rather than 2 adult passengers.
 - To accommodate this change the rate per adult passenger has reverted to the initial proposal of £1.00, £1.00 and £1.50.
- The wording for charging time and a half has been made clearer as time and a half cannot be charged all the time. Until there are 5 or more passengers in a single vehicle the extra adult fee is applicable for all vehicles.
 - The alternative is to have to have 2 fare charts depending on number of passengers licensed for, and if a 6 seater is at the front of the rank and 2 passengers want to book a journey that driver MUST advise them of the increased amount they'll be charged for using that vehicle and point them to the vehicle next in line up the rank that would charge them the lesser saloon rate.
- When carrying 5 or more passengers these vehicles will not charge the extra adult passenger rate as this would be double charging and misleading pricing.
- In respect of the extra road usage charges some will apply to all vehicles however drivers of older vehicles MUST let passengers know before they start the meter and move off that the journey will incur congestion and ULEV zone charges.

Should you decide you want to put v6 of the fare chart before the Licensing Committee we will do so. In either case in the report we will highlight the above.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Kind regards

Melanie Sagar
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From:
Sent: 15 February 2022 09:26
To: _Licensing
Subject:

Dear M Sagar,

Please find attached proposed fare chart for Hackney Carriage. We hope this will be taken to the next step for approval.

Kind Regards

Mr R S Ghotra

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MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE RECORD 2021/22

LICENSING COMMITTEE

COUNCILLOR	03.06.21 (Cancelled)	14.10.21	10.02.22 (Cancelled)	24.03.22
Anderson		P		
Bains		P		
Brooker		P		
H Cheema		P		
Davis		P		
Dhaliwal		Ap		
Gill		P		
Malik		P		
S Parmar		Ap		
Sharif		P* (from 6.38pm)		
Strutton		P		

P = Present for whole meeting
Ap = Apologies given

P* = Present for part of meeting
Ab = Absent, no apologies given

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