

Date of issue: Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>LICENSING COMMITTEE</b> (Councillors Cheema (Chair), Kaur (Vice-Chair), Bains, P. Bedi, Gill, M. Malik, S. Malik, Nazir, Qaseem, Sandhu and Strutton)
<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	MONDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 2022 AT 6.30 PM
<b>VENUE:</b>	COUNCIL CHAMBER - OBSERVATORY HOUSE, 25 WINDSOR ROAD, SL1 2EL
<b>DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER: (for all enquiries)</b>	SHABANA KAUSER 07821 811 259

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are requested to attend the above Meeting at the time and date indicated to deal with the business set out in the following agenda.



**GAVIN JONES**  
Chief Executive

**AGENDA**

**PART I**

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*All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary or other Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in Section 9 and Appendix B of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter is discussed.*



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#### **Press and Public**

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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, 24th March, 2022.**

**Present:-** Councillors Cheema (Chair), Anderson, Bains, Dhaliwal, Gill, S. Malik, S. Parmar and Strutton (from 6.43pm)

**Apologies for Absence:-** Councillor R. Davis and Brooker

**PART 1**

**11. Declarations of Interest**

None declared.

**12. Guidance on Predetermination/ Predisposition - To Note**

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

**13. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 14th October 2021**

**Resolved** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 be approved as a correct record.

**14. Proposed Hackney Carriage Vehicle Tariff Increase**

The Committee considered details of the report which set out a proposed increase in the hackney carriage vehicle tariff increase. The Principal Licensing Officer reminded Members that the current tariff scale was set and approved by the Licensing Committee in 2013.

In January 2022, the Slough Taxi Federation (STF) submitted a written request for an increase in the current tariff. Following discussions with the Trading Standards and Licensing Manager an amended tariff chart was agreed upon and submitted by the STF. It was highlighted that currently there were 103 licensed hackney vehicles and that STF represented over 90% of these drivers, therefore this was considered a fair representative sample of drivers and no pre-consultation had taken place. Any other persons with an interest in the new fare chart would be consulted with when signed off by the committee and duly advertised in accordance with the law.

The Chair invited Mr Badial, Chair of STF and Mr Ghotra, STF Secretary to address the Committee. It was submitted that the proposed tariff rates were essential given that there had not been an increase in prices since 2013. In addition, cost of living expenses and significant increase in fuel prices had contributed to the request being made.

In the ensuing discussion, Members commented that whilst they were supportive of the proposed tariff, the rates should be reviewed on a more regular basis and not reliant on a request being made by the trade. It was requested that future reports include comparative tariff rates from

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neighbouring local authorities which would allow for benchmarking and decisions to be made based on data. A Member also suggested that the Committee receive a report in six months' time which outlined a process for reviewing and tracking tariff rates and associated costs; which would allow for tariff rates to be monitored on a regular basis.

### **Resolved –**

- (a) That the new tariff chart as attached at Appendix C to the report be approved; 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.
- (c) That the Committee receive a report in six months' time with proposals outlining the process for considering/reviewing HC Vehicle Tariffs in the future (tracking tariff rates, adjustment of rates in relation to inflation) and data relating to benchmarking of tariff rates with neighbouring local authorities.

## **15. Members Attendance Record 2021/22**

**Resolved** – That details of the Members Attendance Record be noted.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 6.53 pm)

**Slough Borough Council**

<b>Report To:</b>	Licensing Committee
<b>Date:</b>	10 October 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Proposed Hackney Carriage Tariff Amendment
<b>Chief Officer:</b>	Richard West
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Russell Denney-Clarke, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager Melanie Sagar, Principal Licensing Officer
<b>Ward(s):</b>	ALL
<b>Exempt:</b>	NO
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix A</b> – Tariff Chart March 2022 <b>Appendix B</b> - Chart A - August 2022-2 <b>Appendix C</b> - Chart B - August 2022-2 <b>Appendix D</b> – Copy of April 2022 tariff amendment advert <b>Appendix E</b> – Hackney Carriage proprietor vote result chart <b>Appendix F</b> - 25-mile radius benchmarking <b>Appendix G</b> - 25-mile radius benchmarking SBC policy <b>Appendix H</b> - PHTM national list <b>Appendix I</b> - Gov.uk fuel price tracker

**1. Summary and Recommendations**

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

**Recommendations:**

The Committee is requested to consider the tariff charts and resolve

- (a) That the tariff rates remain as those agreed in March 2022 (Appendix A) or approve a new tariff rate - either Chart A (Appendix B) or Chart B (Appendix C)
- (b) That the agreed tariff rate be recommended to Cabinet for approval.
- (c) Should an amended tariff rate be agreed (Chart A or Chart B) the costs of advertising the fare charges in the local newspapers be met by Hackney Vehicle proprietors; in pursuance of the Licensing Committee resolution in January 2007 that advertising costs to be met by Hackney Vehicle proprietors.
- (d) 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 to modify the approved tariff chart and in the event that objections are materially significant the matter be referred back to the Committee for consideration.

(e) Alternative options include the following:

- Approve part of the requested increase.
- Approve a different increase to those proposed; or
- Not approve either requested increase leaving the fares at the current rate

**Reason:**

- (a) 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.”
- (b) The procedure for setting fares and public notice requirements are stipulated within section 65 of the 1976 Act

## **2. Report**

### **Introductory paragraph**

- 2.1 Consideration has been given to how the decision sought will help the Council meets its vision, corporate priorities however the nature of the hackney fares is outside the scope of these priorities.

### **Options considered**

Consideration has been given to how the decision sought will help the Council meets its vision, corporate priorities however the nature of the hackney fares is outside the scope of these priorities.

### **Background**

On 24 March 2022 the Licensing Committee approved a fare increase requested by the Slough Taxi Federation.

As set out in section 65 of the 1976 Act, Slough Borough Council began a 14-day consultation on the amended tariff by placing an advert of the new tariff chart in the local press. No objections or comments were received by the close of the consultation on 22 April 2022, so the new tariff came into effect on 25 April 2022. A copy of the advert is attached at **Appendix D**.

After the close of the consultation window, the Licensing Team has received complaints about the approved tariff and requests from both the Slough Taxi Federation and the Slough Taxi Association as well as individual proprietors to change it.



The Slough Taxi Federation and Slough Taxi Association were informed of the next Licensing Committee date and invited to submit a formal tariff amendment request.

An email was sent to all Hackney Carriage Proprietors inviting them to vote for their preferred tariff either by using an online vote or by emailing confirmation of their preference to [licensing@slough.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@slough.gov.uk) . The result of the vote is attached at **Appendix E**.

To assist when considering the tariff amendment request, Licensing conducted a benchmarking exercise for comparison of tariffs in neighbouring authorities within a 25-mile radius using the Slough Borough Council published Market Supplement policy benchmarking criteria. List of other authority fares and relevant policy extract attached at **Appendix F and G**.

The data for Appendix F has been taken from the published national fare table compiled by Private Hire and Taxi Monthly. The full fare table for September is attached at **Appendix H**

An extract from the [Monthly and annual prices of road fuels and petroleum products - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/monthly-and-annual-prices-of-road-fuels-and-petroleum-products) covering the period August 2020 – August 2022 is attached at **APPENDIX I**.

### **3. Implications of the Recommendation**

#### **3.1 Financial implications**

##### **3.1.1 There are no financial implications to the Council.**

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.

#### **3.2 Legal implications**

##### **3.2.1 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."**

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

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

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

### 3.3 Risk management implications

#### 3.3.1 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.

Risk Management Matrix Score 2

There aren't any future control risks as the Drivers request the increase which is tied in legislation.

### 3.4 Environmental implications

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

### 3.5 Equality implications

#### 3.5.1 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.

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.

## 4. Background Papers

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

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

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

"4" - Licensing Committee Report March 2022

**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
<b>Each adult passenger in excess of 3</b>	<b>£0.40</b>	<b>£0.40</b>	<b>£0.60</b>
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><b>The driver of this vehicle must discuss the following with passengers <b>BEFORE</b> moving off:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>In addition to the metered or pre-agreed fare</b></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 style="text-align: center;"><b>EXTRA ROAD USAGE CHARGES MAY BE PAYABLE BY THE PASSENGER(S) DEPENDING ON THE JOURNEY PICK-UP AND/OR DROP-OFF POINTS.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 & <b>driver must accept</b>	free	free	free

All charges shown are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

**Maximum Table of Fares**

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CHART A - August 2022						
Time Applicable:	Daily 05:00 - 24:00		Daily 00:00 - 05:00 All day English Public Holidays 16:00-24:00 24th December 16:00-24:00 31st December		Christmas Day 00:00 - 24:00 Boxing Day 00:00 - 24:00 New Years Day 00:00 - 24:00	
Fare Rate						
Fare rate number:	1	1B	2	2B	3	3B
Number of Passengers:	1 - 4 Passengers	5+ Passengers	1 - 4 Passengers	5+ Passengers	1 - 4 Passengers	5+ Passengers
Add only for 4 adult passengers	£0.40	N/A	£0.40	N/A	£0.40	N/A
Initial distance 150 yards or initial time of 60 seconds or a combination of both	£3.60	£5.40	£5.60	£8.40	£7.20	£10.80
Each additional 300 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both	£0.40	£0.60	£0.60	£0.90	£0.80	£1.20
<b>Until the fare reaches:</b>	<b>£6.00</b>	<b>£9.00</b>	<b>£9.00</b>	<b>£13.50</b>	<b>£12.00</b>	<b>£18.00</b>
Each additional 330 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both	£0.20	£0.30	£0.30	£0.45	£0.40	£0.60
<b>Until the fare reaches:</b>	<b>£9.00</b>	<b>£13.50</b>	<b>£11.80</b>	<b>£17.70</b>	<b>£20.00</b>	<b>£30.00</b>
Then each additional 130 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both until end of hire	£0.20	£0.30	£0.30	£0.45	£0.40	£0.60
Soiling the vehicle making it unfit for immediate re-hiring	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£50.00	£75.00	£75.00
<p><b>The driver of this vehicle must discuss the following with passengers BEFORE moving off:</b></p> <p>In addition to the metered or pre-agreed fare:</p> <p><b>EXTRA ROAD USAGE CHARGES MAY BE PAYABLE BY THE PASSENGER(S) DEPENDING ON THE JOURNEY PICK-UP AND/OR DROP-OFF POINT</b></p> <p><b>Extra charge examples: airport charges, congestion charges, emission charges and toll road fees</b></p>						
<p><b>PASSENGER / DRIVER NOTE: Single vehicles which are licenced for 5 or more passengers and hired by at least 5 adult passengers are charged at fare rates 1B, 2B &amp; 3B. All other hires (4 or fewer adult passengers) are charged at the standard rate fare 1, 2 &amp; 3. This is only for vehicles licenced to carry 5 or more passengers. If carrying 4 adult passengers the "add only for 4 adult passengers fare" is applicable. Vehicles licenced for maximum 4 passengers are only metered at the standard rate fares 1, 2 &amp; 3.</b></p> <p>An adult passenger is classed as an individual aged 18 or over and does not have special educational needs i.e. a carer / support assistant to accompany the individual passenger, unless they have the authorisation of an adult (18+) with the capability to contract. For the purposes of clarity to the <b>Disability Discrimination Act</b> any individual with a defined disability travelling with a carer / support assistant this hire must be treated as one (1) passenger. Children under the age of 18 are permitted to hire, <b>the fare structure must be explained before hiring.</b> Reasonable adjustments must be made by the driver.</p>						
All items of luggage	£0.40	£0.40	£0.40	£0.40	£0.40	£0.40
Support and Assistance or caged animals	free	free	free	free	free	free
Card payment no minimum spend & driver must accept	free	free	free	free	free	free

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CHART B - August 2022										
Time Applicable:	Daily 05:00 - 22:00		Daily 22:00 - 24:00		Daily 00:00 - 05:00		Christmas Eve 18:00 - 24:00 New Year's Eve 18:00 - 24:00		Christmas Day 00:00 - 24:00 Boxing Day 00:00 - 24:00 New Years Day 00:00 - 24:00	
Fare Rate										
Fare rate number:	1	1B	2	2B	3	3B	4	4B	5	5B
Number of Passengers:	1 - 4 Passengers	5+ Passengers	1 - 4 Passengers	5+ Passengers	1 - 4 Passengers	5+ Passengers	1 - 4 Passengers	5+ Passengers	1 - 4 Passengers	5+ Passengers
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Initial distance 250 yards or initial time of 100 seconds or a combination of both	£3.40	£5.10	£3.80	£5.70	£5.40	£8.10	£5.10	£7.65	£6.80	£10.20
Each additional 300 yards or each additional 120 seconds or a combination of both	£0.40	£0.60	£0.40	£0.60	£0.40	£0.60	£0.60	£0.90	£0.80	£1.20
<b>Until the fare reaches:</b>	<b>£5.00</b>	<b>£7.50</b>	<b>£5.40</b>	<b>£8.10</b>	<b>£7.00</b>	<b>£10.50</b>	<b>£7.50</b>	<b>£11.25</b>	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£15.00</b>
Each additional 200 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both	£0.20	£0.30	£0.20	£0.30	£0.20	£0.30	£0.30	£0.45	£0.40	£0.60
<b>Until the fare reaches:</b>	<b>£10.00</b>	<b>£15.00</b>	<b>£10.40</b>	<b>£15.60</b>	<b>£12.00</b>	<b>£18.00</b>	<b>£9.00</b>	<b>£13.50</b>	<b>£20.00</b>	<b>£30.00</b>
Then each additional 133 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both until end of hire	£0.20	£0.30	£0.20	£0.30	£0.20	£0.30	£0.30	£0.45	£0.40	£0.60
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Support and Assistance or caged animals	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free
Card payment no minimum spend & driver must accept	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free

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Public Notices / News

# Gateway is a Grade II structure

## Stoke Poges: National recognition



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A picturesque carved wooden gateway which featured in the opening scene of James Bond film *For Your Eyes Only* has been given protected status.

The Victorian lych gate stands at the entrance to the churchyard at St Giles' Church, Stoke Poges, and is now listed as a Grade II structure.

Harvey Whittam, chairman of the Stoke Poges Society, applied for the ornamental gateway to be considered for listing by Historic England.

He said: "I first saw the lych gate in 1981 in the opening scene of the James Bond film *'For Your Eyes Only'*, when I thought it was beautiful and in a delightful country setting.

"Last year, I started volunteering with others to help to compile a list of historic sites in Stoke Poges for the Parish Council – it was then I realised again, but this time in real life, that it's a fine structure.

"I am delighted the lych gate has received national recognition. There's no doubt having it listed adds cultural, social and environmental value to the area."

Grade II status means extra controls are put in

### Speed read...

**An ornamental gateway at St Giles' Church in Stoke Poges has been listed as a Grade II structure. The picturesque wooden gateway featured in James Bond film *For Your Eyes Only*.**

place for what changes can be made to a listed building or structure.

The wooden gateway and its flanking knapped flint wall are also associated with poet Thomas Gray's *'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard'*, published in 1751.

The Elegy is said to be one of the best-known poems in the English language and was routinely learnt by school children until relatively recently.

It is widely acknowledged to refer to Stoke Poges, where Gray was known to be staying when the poem was written in 1750.

Gray is buried in the churchyard and his tomb is listed at Grade II.

Emily Gee, regional director for Historic England in London and the South East, said: "I'm pleased that new, thorough research has enhanced our understanding of this beautifully carved lychgate, which now takes its place on the National Heritage List."

# Photographer is humbled to pick up first prize

**SLOUGH:** A Berkshire-based photographer says it is "humbling" after picking up first prize at an art competition for his digital drawing of the town's railway station.

Mike Swift's piece was chosen as the winner out of 70 entries at the Love Slough arts contest, with an 'Oscars style' awards ceremony taking place at The Curve last Thursday, where a panel of judges picked their favourite.

His artwork, named 'Platform 4' – which took about 50 hours on his iPad – depicts Slough railway station as a night sleeper train rolls into the station.

Mike not only picks up his coveted trophy but also £250 and a buyer for his picture. The contest was organised by social enterprise The Slough Hub.



"I am over the moon, especially having gone up against the other competition. Some of the art was absolutely fantastic and to have been chosen winner over that is humbling," he told the Express.

He added that each of his prints is unique because he hides a blackbird in each picture, with

this one placed on top of the Slough station sign.

Mike, who lives in Ascot, added this was his first time entering an art competition after taking up the hobby about five years ago.

To view his work, visit [www.360swift.com/galleries](http://www.360swift.com/galleries)

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[www.windsorexpress.co.uk](http://www.windsorexpress.co.uk)  
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### Public Notices - Traffic

## SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTTA 1984) and Regulation 3 of the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Procedure Regulations 1992

Slough Borough Council  
(Buckingham Avenue) Order 2022  
(Order 15 of 2022) ('Order')

1. SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL gives notice that it has made an Order under section 14(1)(a) of the RTTA 1984 and any other enabling powers.

2. The Order is needed because works are or are proposed to be carried out on or near the road.

3. The Order shall come into operation at 08:00 hours on Sunday 24th April 2022 for a period of 18 months, or until the works have been completed. All works are expected to be completed by 18:00 hours on Sunday 24th April 2022. The duration of the Order can be extended with the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport.

4. While the Order is in operation it will prohibit any traffic passing through Buckingham Avenue, Slough SL1, from its junction with Altona Way Slough SL1 4PN to its junction with Liverpool Road SL1 4PF.

5. An alternative highway will be available for use while the Order is in force and local diversions will be clearly signed at the location. Advanced warning notices will be at the locations advising of the dates the works will be carried out. Access will be maintained for all local residents and businesses.

6. If you have any queries regarding the works or the alternative routes please contact: Service Lead – Planning & Transport, Slough Borough Council, Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road, Slough SL1 2EL

Dated: Friday 8th April 2022



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### SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Section 65 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

#### Fixing of fares for Hackney Carriages

NOTICE is hereby given that Slough Borough Council in the exercise of its powers has made the following table of Fares & Charges for hackney carriage within the Borough. Objections to the table of Fares & Charges must be made in writing and addressed to: Licensing, Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road, Slough, SL1 2EL or [licensing@slough.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@slough.gov.uk) by no later than Friday 22 April 2022.

A copy of this notice is available for public inspection at Observatory House, 25 Windsor Road, Slough, SL1 2EL during normal working hours. In the event of there being no objection(s), or if all the objections have been withdrawn before the last date of receipt of objections, the table of Fares & Charges will become operative on Monday 25 April 2022. If valid objection(s) are received, the Council will appoint another operative date after considering valid objections.

Dated: 08 April 2022

HB Public Law, PO Box 2, Civic Centre, Station Road, Harrow, HA1 2XY

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

The driver of this vehicle must discuss the following with passengers BEFORE moving off:

In addition to the metered or pre-agreed fare

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.

EXTRA ROAD USAGE CHARGES MAY BE PAYABLE BY THE PASSENGER(S) DEPENDING ON THE JOURNEY

PICK-UP AND/OR DROP-OFF POINTS.

Extra charge examples: airport charges, congestion charges, toll road fees.

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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<b>Authority area</b>	<b>2 mile fare</b>
Basingstoke	£7.60
Bracknell Forest	£7.80
Buckinghamshire	£6.00
Dacorum	£6.30
Epsom	£9.80
Fareham	£5.80
Guildford	£10.00
Heathrow	£13.40
London	£9.80
RBWM	£7.10
Reading	£8.00
Runneymede	£7.10
Rushmoor	£7.60
<b>Slough</b>	<b>£7.00</b>
Spelthorne	£6.20
St. Albans	£6.20
Surrey Heath	£7.80
Three Rivers	£6.70
Watford	£8.40
West Oxford	£6.20
West Berkshire	£7.40
Woking	£6.40

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A Market Supplement is an additional payment which is only applicable in exceptional circumstances, in accordance with the Councils market supplement criteria. In such circumstances the manager should seek guidance from Human Resources (HR) in order to make an application for a market supplement to be applied to a post(s).

#### Market Supplement Criteria

In order for a market supplement to be awarded to a post the following criteria need to be fulfilled:

- A vacancy level of at least 20% for an agreed specific employee category, or 10% for high risk areas (e.g. mental health)
- Employee category is regarded as critical in the delivery of essential/statutory services
- Attempts have been made to advertise, but without success
- Jobs cannot be redesigned
- Uneconomical and/or impractical to employ agency staff

Benchmarking evidence will need to be provided. Only authorities in a 25 mile radius of Slough, (not inner London authorities) will be suitable as comparators. An average of the salaries will be taken as the market supplement, except in exceptional circumstances – agreed with Directors.

Market supplements will be reviewed annually every December and they will be pensionable. If insufficient evidence is provided and a post is already in receipt of a market supplement then 12 weeks notice will be served at the beginning of January the following year to terminate the market supplement from 1 April and no detriment will be payable.

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**Table 4.1.1 Typical retail prices of petroleum products and a crude oil price index (monthly)**

Note 1. These estimates are generally representative of prices paid on or about the 15th of the month. Estimates are based on information provided by oil marketing companies until December 1994. From January 1995, data from super/hypermarket chains have been included. The very latest data for motor spirit and diesel are provisional, based on a smaller sample than used for

Note 2. Data for Premium Unleaded and Diesel are sourced from a larger sample than the Weekly Prices statistics. As such they will be slightly different than the weekly published figures.

Note 3. These estimates are for deliveries of 2,000 to 5,000 litres; such deliveries attracted 8 per cent VAT from 1 April 1994. With effect from 1 September 1997 the rate of VAT was reduced to 5 per cent.

Note 4. Price index for supplies received by refineries in the UK from both indigenous and imported sources. It represents the average for the month calculated in sterling on a cif basis.

Blank cells represent months where data was not reported in this table.

An r indicates revised data. An r in the date column indicates all data in the column has been revised. An r in a cell indicates that just that cell has been revised.

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Source: Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)

Year	Month	Motor spirit: 4 star / LRP (Pence per litre) [Note 1]	Motor spirit: Super unleaded (Pence per litre) [Note 1]	Motor spirit: Premium Unleaded (Pence per litre) [Note 1, 2]	Motor Derv (Pence per litre) [Note 1, 2]	Standard grade burning oil (Pence per litre) [Note 1]	Gas oil (Pence per litre) [Note 1, 3]	Crude oil acquired by refineries 2010 = 100 [Note 4]	ULSP to ULSD Differential (Pence per litre)	Historic Indices: Crude oil acquired by refineries 2005 = 100	Historic Indices: Crude oil acquired by refineries 2000 = 100	Historic Indices: Crude oil acquired by refineries 1995 = 100	Month / Year
2020	August		126.34	112.77	117.67	27.21	46.13	67.12	4.9				Aug 2020
2020	September		126.51	113.21	118.00	25.43	42.37	63.06	4.8				Sep 2020
2020	October		126.56	113.15	117.85	26.05	44.35	61.06	4.7				Oct 2020
2020	November		126.03	112.51	117.05	27.43	43.06	63.47	4.5				Nov 2020
2020	December		127.21	114.04	118.66	31.55	48.15	71.51	4.6				Dec 2020
2021	January		130.17	117.25	121.73	34.62	49.85	78.26	4.5				Jan 2021
2021	February		133.64	120.69	124.91	36.86	52.82	84.27	4.2				Feb 2021
2021	March		137.10	124.04	128.11	39.01	55.74	90.77	4.1				Mar 2021
2021	April		138.42	125.47	129.22	41.25	54.18	91.40	3.8				Apr 2021
2021	May		140.54	127.31	130.93	39.53	56.47	93.09	3.6				May 2021
2021	June		142.55	129.32	132.91	39.91	56.75	99.14	3.6				Jun 2021
2021	July		146.88	132.74	135.37	41.72	58.05	104.58	2.6				Jul 2021
2021	August		148.00	134.52	136.92	39.77	57.43	100.24	2.4				Aug 2021
2021	September		147.85	134.59	136.84	41.48	59.65	103.37	2.3				Sep 2021
2021	October		152.51	137.66	143.28	59.82	73.27	115.49	5.6				Oct 2021
2021	November		160.49	145.95	149.81	50.86	73.12	117.80	3.9				Nov 2021
2021	December		160.27	145.69	149.20	48.47	71.53	110.53	3.5				Dec 2021
2022	January		156.99	144.92	148.74	53.93	71.88	121.47	3.8				Jan 2022
2022	February		159.06	147.00	151.08	59.12	77.30	138.54	4.1				Feb 2022
2022	March		173.89	161.86	171.39	84.86	121.69	177.34	9.5				Mar 2022
2022	April		174.08	161.67	175.72	85.34	108.54	162.91	14.1				Apr 2022
2022	May		176.99	165.17	179.58	90.54	104.40	180.77r	14.4				May 2022
2022	June		192.72	183.10	190.15	99.30	118.92	197.71r	7.1				Jun 2022
2022	July		199.31	188.79	197.38	84.72	111.10	192.84r	8.6				Jul 2022
2022	August		185.09	173.87	184.95	79.15	104.22	173.82	11.1				Aug 2022

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