# REVIEW OF TAXI TABLE OF FARES (TAXI TARIFF) <br> Taxi Licensing Committee 

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13 January 2022
Review of Taxi Table of Fares (Taxi Tariff)
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## Purpose of Report

Under Section 23 of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975 (PCCA 1975), Plymouth City Council (the Council) has the power, although not obliged, to set the maximum Table of Fares (Fares Tariff) for Taxis.

On 28 October 2021 the Taxi Licensing Committee recommended the proposed variation of the table of fares for the hiring of Taxis within the City. In accordance with the PCCA 1975, the variations were advertised in the Plymouth Herald on 03 November 2021 (Appendix I) which included providing an opportunity and details for objections to be made. All Taxi drivers and vehicle proprietors were written to and provided with a copy of the Table of Fares notice and were given until 18 November 202I to make objections. Any objections received must be duly considered, prior to the Table of Fares coming into effect.

A number of objections were received which are listed in Appendix 2.

## Recommendations and Reasons

That the Licensing Committee consider the objections received by the Licensing Authority in relation to their statutory consultation on the proposed Taxi fares, and
I) Taking into account representations received, either approve the table of fares as advertised or specify amendments to be made to the table of fares
2) Approve a date by which the new Table of Fares shall come into force, which must be no later than the 18 January 2022.

## Alternative options considered and rejected

None

## Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This report links to the delivery of the City and Council priorities. In particular:

## Unlocking the Cities Potential:

By ensuring Plymouth: is a clean and tidy city and a green and sustainable city that cares for its environment; has a wide range of homes; has a vibrant economy offering quality jobs and skills; is an exciting, cultural and creative city and has a varied, efficient and sustainable transport network.

## Caring for People and Communities:

By ensuring Plymouth is a friendly, welcoming city, reducing health inequalities, making sure people feel safe in the city, focusing on prevention and early intervention, protecting children, young people and adults.

## Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications: <br> Not Applicable

## Financial Risks

There are no financial risks to the Council by increasing the Taxi Tariff.
Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:
Not Applicable
Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.


## Appendices

| Ref. | Title of Appendix | Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable) <br> If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part Iof Schedule I2A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| A | Briefing report (mandatory) | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B | Equalities Impact Assessment (mandatory) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Background papers:

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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## Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Rob Nelder

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes, Approved by email Date agreed: 23/I2/202|

## Cabinet Member approval: Councillor John Riley (Cabinet Member for Governance, Human Resources, IT and Community Safety)

Approved via email
Date approved: 04/0 I/2022

## Report

## I. 0 Background Information

I.I The proposed Table of Fares was agreed to go out to public consultation at the Taxi Licensing Committee on 28 October 202I and was published in the Herald on 03 November 202I. (Appendix I). All Taxi drivers and vehicle proprietors were written to and provided with a copy of the proposed table of fares and were given until 18 November 202I to make objections.

### 2.0 Legal Framework

2.1 Under section 23 (I) of the PCCA 1975, the Council is responsible for setting the maximum fares and other costs that drivers may charge a customer for using Taxis in the City.
2.2 Members should note that drivers may charge a lower fare or offer a discount if they wish and negotiate fares for travel outside of the City boundaries.
2.3 The Council does not have powers to set fares for journeys in private hire vehicles.
2.4 The Table of Fares must be advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Act and if any objections are received these must be considered by the Committee for a final decision to be taken as to whether the advertised fare table will be modified in light of objections, or whether they will be implemented as advertised. The Table of Fares approved by the Committee would come into effect not later than two months from the closing date of the advertised consultation. (18 January 202I).

### 3.0 Comments and Objections

3.I Fifteen response comments and objections were received, one of these comprised of a petition of thirty four named current licensed Hackney Carriage drivers. A table showing the objections and responses provided can be seen in Appendix 2 of this report.
3.2 There were no comments or objections received about the reduction of the Table of Fares structure from five individual tariffs to three, or the increase in fuel surcharge and relocation of the reference service station from Exeter Street to Milehouse.
3.3 General comments received were centred around the amount of time between tariff reviews; a request to ensure the date the tariff is implemented is added to the table of fares; the time it has taken to review the tariff since the last review in 2017 and one comment that the increase in soil charge up to $£ 100$ has the potential to be abused.
3.4 The date the agreed tariff comes in to effect will be included in the Table of Fares once agreed by Committee. The table of fares shown in Appendix five has been amended to reflect this.
3.5 Historically, tariff reviews have been prompted by requests or proposals received from the Taxi Trade. Prior to this current review the tariff was last reviewed, by Trade request, in 2017.

In August 2019 every licensed Hackney Carriage driver was contacted by email to establish if they wanted a review of the Tariff. 12 response were received with only 5 drivers requesting an increase.

The length of time between Tariff reviews was considered by Committee on 28 October 2021 where by it was resolved that Taxi Licensing Officers explore a policy for regularly reviewing and setting future taxi fares in Plymouth.
3.6 The one comment received that the increase in soiling charge may be open to abuse is acknowledged however, this potentially could happen at the current rate and all complaints received of this nature are fully investigated by Taxi Licensing Officers.
3.7 All of the objections received related to proposed increase and that it was not considered substantial enough to cover increased costs and overheads since the last review. In addition to the objections there were requests that:

- the 'Flag fall' or start-up fee is increased to $£ 5$ for Tariffs I and 2 , or
- $\quad$ Tariff I flag fall is set to $£ 3$ and the mileage rate is increased to $£ 2$ per mile and Tariff 2 the flag fall is increased to $£ 2.50$ flag fall and $£ 4.80$ flag per mile.

There has been no request that Tariff 3 is increased or altered from that advertised.
3.8 The tables shown in Appendix 3 show the monetary increase and the overall percentage increase for the advertised tariff and those suggested in consultation responses.

The tables in Appendix 3 also show the monetary and percentage increase resulting from comments and suggested increases from the consultation
3.9 When comparing the cost for a 2 mile journey nationally it can be seen from the tables in Appendix 4 that out of 359 local authorities, Plymouth would rise from a current position of 126 to 39 should the proposed advertised Tariff be implemented.
3.10 When considering the 'Flag Fall' or start-up charge, the rule of thumb when setting fares is that it is ideally not more than double the mileage rate. This means that for a I mile journey where the driver then returns to the rank they will actually receive in effect 3 miles money.

To increase the flag fall excessively while clearly of benefit to the driver has the potential to penalise elderly, vulnerable and some low income earners such as Care Workers and Cleaners who make regular short journeys by Taxi. An increase of the flag fall to $£ 5$ is nearly triple the mileage rate and would see a I mile journey increase by $£ 2$ from $£ 4.80$ to $£ 6.80$ an increase of $42 \%$ and a 2 mile journey increase by $£ 2.30$ from $£ 6.30$ to $£ 8.60$ an increase of $37 \%$.
The greater the distance travelled on the outward journey the further it is to return to the rank. This means for a 10 mile outward journey the driver will receive 12 miles money but will have driven 20 miles. This is how it has always worked and it is not for the passenger to pay for
the return journey. While a taxi driver cannot refuse a fare, a high flag fall has the potential for drivers to concentrate/prefer quicker shorter journeys to the longer journeys and this may impact on getting evening and night time economy customers' home across the City.
3.II Should the proposed/advertised Table of Fares be implemented an additional line will be added to the table to show the flag fall at Tariff 2 is set at I/7 of a mile and not I/6 of a mile as it currently shows. (Appendix 5).

### 4.0 Conclusion

4.I Following consultation with the public and the Taxi Trade, Committee members need to consider the objections in Appendix 2 and decide whether the Table of Fares will remain as published or whether amendments are required.
4.2 The Committee are able to amend the table of fares as they see fit, and the determined table of fares will come into force on a date as agreed by the Committee, which must be no later than 2 months after the original date (I8 January 2022).

## Appendix I

## Advertised Table of Fares



## Appendix 2

|  | Comment | Response |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | It is not April Ist? <br> This is a very bad joke. <br> I propose you rethink this. <br> The email about fares did not include any explanation or justification for the rates listed. What was the rate rise based on? I can't query your decision if I don't know why you made it. <br> Please send me the explanation and justification, that a professional would have included, so that I can comment. I will include one simple point though. <br> The group of taxi drivers hit most by Covid was drivers working at night. The biggest demand for drivers is after 12 pm on Friday and Saturday. You are proposing removing the night rate. The basics of business is that price increases when the demand exceeds the supply. | I am emailing in response to your objection/comments to the proposed tariff change. I have provided the link for the report that went to Taxi Licensing Committee that went to attached the report that went to Committee on Thursday 28 October that should contain the information you require. https://democracy.plymouth.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cld=566\&MId=9787\&Ver=4 The attached amendment sheet shows corrections made to section 3 of the report and shows the increase that will be realised should the proposed Table of Fares be approved for Tariff 2 which covers the evening and night rate during the week, Sundays and bank holidays. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | I am Hackney Carriage driver. I am contacting you in regards the New taxi tariffs that has been published on 3rd Of November 2021 in Herald. I would like to raise my Objection. <br> I do not agree with this tariffs increase because of: Thank You for your understanding. | I am emailing with regard to your objection to the proposed change to tariff. Please could you advise me of the details of your objection. Your original email had an arrow did not contain the reason. <br> No reply received |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | As you can see in the picture attached there is no price where it says $1 / 6$ th of a mile for tarif 2 so there's no possible calculation there for. <br> Can you please send me a revised version of it so i can know if i will ever work evenings/nights again. | There is no figure in the column for Tariff 2 for $1 / 6$ of a mile as Tariff 2 is calculated solely on $1 / 7$ of a mile so in effect there are more 'metre drops' over the mile for this Tariff. I have added a table which shows the increase from the current tariff to the new which shows the increase for some set distances. Please do not hesitate to contact should you require further information. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | Tariff I |  | Tariff 2 |  | Tariff 3 |  |
|  |  | Journey | Current | Proposed | Current | Proposed | Current | Proposed |
|  |  | I mile | 4.80 | 5.10 | 5.30 | 5.90 | 9.60 | 10.20 |
|  |  | 2 miles | 6.30 | 6.90 | 6.80 | 8.00 | 12.60 | 13.80 |
|  |  | 3 miles | 7.80 | 8.70 | 8.30 | 9.80 | 15.60 | 17.40 |
|  |  | 5 miles | 10.80 | 12.30 | 11.10 | 14.30 | 21.60 | 24.60 |
|  |  | 10 miles | 18.30 | 21.30 | 18.80 | 24.80 | 36.60 | 42.60 |

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Applies to ALL journeys within the City boundary, and to jourmeys ootside the Ciyy boundary unless areed otherwise between
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in excess of one hour. No other chages may be made
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Tariff 2 Applies Monday to Saturday from7pm to 6am, Sundap/Bark Holidyy from Gam to Gam the following day
Tariff 3 Applios from 7pm Chritmas Evo to 6am 27 December and from 7pm 31 Decembor to 6am 1 Jmuary
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Waiting Time
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For each completedperind of 90 second
Extra Charges
Each additional passenger atter the second (accompanied children under the age of 3 are not charged, two children 
between 3& 12 to be charged as one).
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Regarding the proposed fares I would like the one that proposed them to answer me, if possible, at one question. The inflation is raising more than your proposed fares The fares at private hire raised over the proposed fares
The fuel raised over $30 \%$, lot more than the "raised" fare proposed.
Your taxes on taxis are more than doubled since last time the fares has changed A new car in 2016 was starting at $£ 24.000$ now is starting from $£ 38.000$ (hybrid starting from $£ 64.000$, have no place to charge fast and the price of kWh doubled in last months) Now if you take that costs can you explain how can we survive? Not considering a new car that would be catastrophic for a taxi driver.

In response to Proposed changes to Table of Fares, I would like to point out that during night time all private hire companies has a minimum start of $£ 5$ just today I received an eMail from taxi first saying that starting tonight the start fare will be $£ 6$

It is recognised that the Trade as a whole is going through extraordinary times, ultimately in setting taxi fares, the Council has to balance any increase of taxi fares against the needs of the travelling public. Please find attached a table which shows the increase from he current to the proposed tariff for some example reference mileage

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| Journey | Current | Proposed | \% <br> Increase | Current | Proposed | \% <br> Increase | Current | Proposed | \% <br> Increase |  |
| I mile | 4.80 | 5.10 | 6.25 | 5.30 | 5.90 | 11.32 | 9.60 | 10.20 | 6.25 |  |
| $\mathbf{2}$ miles | 6.30 | 6.90 | 9.53 | 6.80 | 8.00 | 17.65 | 12.60 | 13.80 | 9.52 |  |
| $\mathbf{3}$ miles | 7.80 | 8.70 | 11.55 | 8.30 | 9.80 | 18.07 | 15.60 | 17.40 | 11.54 |  |
| $\mathbf{5}$ miles | 10.80 | 12.30 | 13.9 | 11.10 | 14.30 | 28.83 | 21.60 | 24.60 | 13.89 |  |
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during the consultation period to be presented to Committee. Please find attached a table which shows the increase from the current to the proposed tariff for some example reference mileage.

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| I would also like to remind that during night time it's much harder then day time due to alcohol consumption (for instance, one of my cab doors has been damaged and the customer got away with it without paying, people getting sick and never paying fines and the list goes on) not to mention that the fuel price has gone ballistic, and it's not just the fuel price that has gone up lately
The proposed changes especially for night time are simply not encouraging at all, if any it makes you to rethink your job.

As a hackney carriage driver licensed in Plymouth I would like to object to the new fares proposal. First of all I will say that this has been left way too long, last increase being in 2017 is ridiculous.
The new rates proposed are way too low and I have not been asked my opinion on this by anybody, and all the other drivers that I have spoken to have said the same.
Our expenses are now crazy amounts, and the increase will do next to nothing to help that.
I can honestly say, if these new rates come into effect without being any higher, that will be me forced out of the taxi trade, I am not willing to work for less than minimum wage any longer.
The PLTA have not communicated with drivers at all, not even their own members, so I really don't understand how they can speak for us, surely we should have some kind of voting system for increase proposals.
I cannot stress enough how important an increase is for us and how they need to be higher than what has been proposed, many drivers have said they will be leaving along with myself.
Also tariff I waiting time of 30 p every 90 seconds is not enough and should be every 60 seconds across the board in line with private hire.
I really hope you realise this needs to be changed.

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| $\mathbf{3}$ miles | 7.80 | 8.70 | 11.55 | 8.30 | 9.80 | 18.07 | 15.60 | 17.40 | 11.54 |  |
| $\mathbf{5}$ miles | 10.80 | 12.30 | 13.9 | 11.10 | 14.30 | 28.83 | 21.60 | 24.60 | 13.89 |  |
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Historically review of the Table of Fares (TOF) have been made at the request of the Taxi Trade, you are correct in saying the last review was in 2017. Consequently, Taxi Licensing with this review have proposed to Committee that the TOF is reviewed on a regular basis (annually/biannually) and to explore a review process similar to other Councils where factors such as increases in vehicle purchase and maintenance costs, fuel costs etc are taken into consideration. The proposal was agreed at Committee The proposed changes were not put forward by the PLTA but by at the time an independent driver, the PLTA supported the proposed changes. The Licensing Authority do not have any influence over PLTA decision making process but any changes to the Tariff legally have to be advertised and consulted with the wider trade to provide an opportunity to comment and all comments are taken into consideration.
It is recognised that the Trade as a whole is going through extraordinary times, ultimately in setting taxi fares, the Council has to balance any increase of taxi fares against the needs of the travelling public. I have taken note of your comment that more of an increase is needed including the reduction in waiting time from 90 seconds to 60 seconds for Tariff I and these will be considered along with other proposals put forward during the consultation period. Please find attached a table which shows the increase from the current to the proposed tariff for some example reference mileage.

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Can you please ensure that when a new Fare Table is produced the date is included at the bottom as has been historically the case. It was left off the current Fare Table.
The reason is that when a member of the public looks at a "Taxi Post" there is currently, no indication of whether it is the current Fare Table; likewise while sitting in a vehicle it is not always easy to read the Fare Table but the date can show if it is current.

I would like to object to the proposal of changes to the Hackney Fares, On a couple of issues as this seems to been proposed only by a couple of PLTA individuals without a general consultation among the trade, My thoughts on the starting price needs to be looked at also a later end time on tariff 2 , also the soiling charge of up to $£ 100$ is wide

We will ensure the date is added to the final table. Our designers didn't add it last time and it was not picked up before the signs This has already been included in the draft design and once the consultation has been finalised, any new tariff sign and sheet issued will be dated.

[^0] proposed changes. The Licensing Authority do not have any influence over PLTA decision making process but any changes to the

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open for abuse ! I would like to be more involved in the next conversations about this as I am probably more invested in the Plymouth Hackney trade than most and have genuine concerns for its future

Reply received on 25 November 202 I Thank you for the reply, the table of fare you have sent me seems to be incorrect, I will attach another we have been given. I understand this proposal wasn't from the Councils and trying to be pushed through by an individual who happens to re-program meters and is asking people to withdraw their objections.
I do not wish the tariff to be too expensive but also drivers should not be leaving ranks after maybe an hour or so of being sat there for a potential job worth $£ 3.90$ especially when private hire now have a minimum of $£ 5.00$.
I have asked Rachel Hinds about being more involved as I'm heavily invested in the Hackney trade and she has kindly invited me to the next trade meeting which I look forward too.
ariff legally have to be advertised and consulted with the wider trade to provide an opportunity to comment and all comments are taken into consideration.
For information, I have attached a table which shows the increase from the existing tariff to the proposed for some reference mileage distances and also the percentage increase for the 2 Tariffs.

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| $\mathbf{2 ~ m i l e s}$ | 6.30 | 6.90 | 9.53 | 6.80 | 8.00 | 17.65 | 12.60 | 13.80 | 9.52 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ miles | 7.80 | 8.70 | 11.55 | 8.30 | 9.80 | 18.07 | 15.60 | 17.40 | 11.54 |
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## Reply on 25 November 2021:

The table changed since the report was produced. It was amended after a very long discussion and debate on at what stage a taxi meter clicks on to the mile. Essentially it was conceded that the table showed a 30 p shortfall on each mile. I have attached for information the amended section 3 . The table I sent you in my previous email I added the \% increase for illustrative purposes can advise that no objections have been withdrawn and all comments and objections will be considered and presented to Committee at a date to be determined.
am aware you have a keen interest in the Hackney Trade and have been invited to the next meeting. We all want a safe and thriving taxi trade in Plymouth but as we are all aware of there are many challenges that the trade are facing. I look forward to meeting you at the meetings and to and having fresh new input into these matters.

I am emailing to acknowledge your objection to the proposed changes to the Table of Fares for the reason that it is not enough to am emailing to acknowledge your objection to the proposed changes to the Table of Fares for the reason that it is not enough to
meet the increase in vehicle running costs, living costs or current rate of inflation ( $4.2 \%$ ) Your comments have been noted and will meet the increase in vehicle running costs, living costs or current rate of
be considered along with the other responses and proposals received.
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|  |  | 5 miles | 10.80 | 12.30 | 13.9 | 11.10 | 14.30 | 28.83 | 21.60 | 24.60 | 13.89 |
|  |  | 10 miles | 18.30 | 21.30 | 16.4 | 18.80 | 24.80 | 31.91 | 36.60 | 42.60 | 16.39 |

14 I am answering your email with regard taxi increase and would like to put on record my objections to your proposal, it is not enough, prices for my job and for other bills have rocketted in the last couple of years, fuel, insurance, council fees, and many other every day fees.
I object to this pitifull rise it is nowhere near enough.
Please think again.

15 Hello, A letter is attached with 34 drivers signature on regarding the e mail has been sent out for a new tariff. We will be handling the original letter to the taxi licensing too
With Regards
On bahalf of the drivers who sign the letter.
Letter below minus drivers names/contact details
acknowledge your request and your comments along with others received during the consultation process will be taken into consideration and put before Committee at a date to be determined. For information, I have attached a table which shows the increase from the existing tariff to the proposed for some reference mileage distances and also the percentage increase for the current and proposed tariffs.

|  | Tariff I Tariff 2 |  |  | \% |  |  | Tariff 3 |  |  |
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| $\mathbf{5}$ miles | 10.80 | 12.30 | 13.9 | 11.10 | 14.30 | 28.83 | 21.60 | 24.60 | 13.89 |
| $\mathbf{1 0}$ miles | 18.30 | 21.30 | 16.4 | 18.80 | 24.80 | 31.91 | 36.60 | 42.60 | 16.39 |

It is recognised that the Trade as a whole is going through extraordinary times, ultimately in setting taxi fares, the Council has to balance any increase of taxi fares against the needs of the travelling public. I have taken note of your comment that more of an increase is needed and these will be considered along with other proposals put forward during the consultation period I also acknowledge the petition that you have sent with a number of drivers names on that proposes Tariff I to start at $£ 3.80$ and at $£ 2.00$ per mile and Tariff 2 to start at $£ 4.80$ per mile and at $£ 2.50$ per mile with Tariff 3 to remain as proposed. I assume this is now your preferred option to that proposed by you individually?
For information I have attached a table which shows the increase from the existing tariff to the proposed for some reference mileage distances and also the percentage increase for the 2 Tariffs.

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## Appendix 3

Tables to show the monetary increase and the overall percentage increase for the advertised tariff and those suggested in consultation responses.

Proposed advertised Tariff

|  | Tariff I |  |  | Tariff 2 |  |  | Tariff 3 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Journey | Curr <br> ent | Propo <br> sed | \% <br> Incre <br> ase | Curr <br> ent | Propo <br> sed | \% <br> Incre <br> ase | Curr <br> ent | Propo <br> sed | \% <br> Incre <br> ase |
| I mile | 4.8 | 5.1 | 6 | 5.3 | 5.9 | 11 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 6 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ miles | 6.3 | 6.9 | 10 | 6.8 | 8 | 18 | 12.6 | 13.8 | 10 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ miles | 7.8 | 8.7 | 12 | 8.3 | 9.8 | 18 | 15.6 | 17.4 | 12 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ miles | 10.8 | 12.3 | 14 | 11.1 | 14.3 | 29 | 21.6 | 24.6 | 14 |
| $\mathbf{1 0}$ miles | 18.3 | 21.3 | 16 | 18.8 | 24.8 | 32 | 36.6 | 42.6 | 16 |

Consultation suggested
Tariff structure with $£ 5$ flag
fall

|  | Tariff I |  |  | Tariff 2 |  |  | Tariff 3 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Journey | Curr <br> ent | Propo <br> sed | \% <br> Incre <br> ase | Curr <br> ent | Propo <br> sed | \% <br> Incre <br> ase | Curr <br> ent | Propo <br> sed | \% <br> Incre <br> ase |
| I mile | 4.8 | 6.8 | 42 | 5.3 | 7.1 | 34 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 6 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ miles | 6.3 | 8.6 | 37 | 6.8 | 9.2 | 35 | 12.6 | 13.8 | 10 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ miles | 7.8 | 10.4 | 33 | 8.3 | 11.3 | 36 | 15.6 | 17.4 | 12 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ miles | 10.8 | 14 | 30 | 11.1 | 15.5 | 40 | 21.6 | 24.6 | 14 |
| $\mathbf{1 0}$ miles | 18.3 | 23 | 26 | 18.8 | 26 | 38 | 36.6 | 42.6 | 16 |

Consultation suggested Tariff structure with $£ 3$ flag fall and $£ 2$ per mile Tariff $I$, and $£ 2.50$ flag fall and $£ 4.80$ per mile for Tariff 2

|  | Tariff I |  |  | Tariff 2 |  |  | Tariff 3 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Journey | Curr <br> ent | Propo <br> sed | \% <br> \%cre <br> ase | Curr <br> ent | Propo <br> sed | \% <br> Incre <br> ase | Curr <br> ent | Propo <br> sed | \% <br> Incre <br> ase |
| $\mathbf{I}$ mile | 4.8 | 5 | 4 | 5.3 | 7.33 | 38 | 9.6 | 10.2 | 6 |
| $\mathbf{2}$ miles | 6.3 | 6.99 | 11 | 6.8 | 12.16 | 79 | 12.6 | 13.8 | 10 |
| $\mathbf{3}$ miles | 7.8 | 8.99 | 15 | 8.3 | 16.99 | 105 | 15.6 | 17.4 | 12 |
| $\mathbf{5}$ miles | 10.8 | 12.99 | 20 | 11.1 | 26.65 | 140 | 21.6 | 24.6 | 14 |
| $\mathbf{1 0}$ miles | 18.3 | 22.98 | 26 | 18.8 | 50.8 | 170 | 36.6 | 42.6 | 16 |

## Appendix 4

## National Hackney (Taxi) Fare Tables

| Proposed/Advertised Tariff |  |  | Consultation Response $\mathbf{6 5}$ Flag Fall Tariff I \& 2 |  |  | Consutation Response, change to Flag fall and increased mileage rate Tariffs I \& 2 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 | HARROGAT | ¢7.00 | 1 | LONDON (HEATHROW) | ¢11.40 | 30 | HARROGATE | £7.00 |
| 31 | HERTSMERE | £7.00 | 2 | LUTON AIRPORT | ¢9.70 | 31 | HERTSMERE | $£ 7.00$ |
| 32 | STROUD | ¢7.00 | 3 | EPSOM \& EWELL | ¢8.60 | 32 | STROUD | ¢7.00 |
| 33 | TONBRIDGE | £7.00 | 4 | LONDON | ¢8.60 | 33 | TONBRIDGE \& MALLING | ¢7.00 |
| 34 | WELWYN H. | ¢7.00 | 5 | PLYMOUTH | ¢8.60 | 34 | WELWYN HATFIELD | ¢7.00 |
| 35 | WILTSHIRE | £7.00 | 6 | WATFORD (X) | ¢8.40 | 35 | WILTSHIRE | ¢7.00 |
| 36 | RESTORMEL | 66.95 | 7 | UTTLESFORD | ¢8.30 | 36 | PLYMOUTH | ¢6.99 |
| 37 | COLCHESTE | ¢6.90 | 8 | READING | $£ 8.00$ | 37 | RESTORMEL | $£ 6.95$ |
| 38 | EASTBOURN | £6.90 | 9 | GUILDFORD | ¢7.60 | 38 | COLCHESTER | £6.90 |
| 39 | PLYMOUTH | ¢6.90 | 10 | KERRIER | ¢7.60 | 39 | EASTBOURNE | £6.90 |
| 39 | VALE OF WH | £6.90 | 11 | OXFORD CITY | ¢7.60 | 40 | VALE OF WHITE HORSE | £6.90 |
| 40 | WEALDON | £6.90 | 12 | JERSEY | ¢7.43 | 41 | WEALDON | $£ 6.90$ |
| 41 | WEYMOUTH | ¢6.90 | 13 | BRIGHTON \& HOVE | ¢7.40 | 42 | WEYMOUTH \& PORTLAND | 66.90 |
| 42 | ADUR | £6.80 | 14 | CHELTENHAM | ¢7.40 | 43 | ADUR | £6.80 |
| 43 | CARADON | ¢6.80 | 15 | MAIDSTONE | ¢7.40 | 44 | CARADON | ¢6.80 |
| 44 | EAST DEVOI | £6.80 | 16 | MID SUSSEX | ¢7.40 | 45 | EAST DEVON | ¢6.80 |
| 45 | FIFE | 66.80 | 17 | CARRICK | ¢7.30 | 46 | FIFE | 66.80 |
| 46 | GLASGOW | 66.80 | 18 | BATH \& NORTH EAST SOMERSET | ¢7.20 | 47 | GLASGOW | 66.80 |
| 47 | GRAVESHAM | 66.80 | 19 | BCP | ¢7.20 | 48 | GRAVESHAM | 66.80 |
| 48 | HART (X) | 66.80 | 20 | TORRIDGE | ¢7.20 | 49 | HART (X) | 66.80 |
| 49 | MENDIP | ¢6.80 | 21 | TUNBRIDGE WELLS | ¢7.20 | 50 | MENDIP | ¢6.80 |
| 50 | NORTH CO | 66.80 |  |  |  | 51 | NORTH CORNWALL | £6.80 |
| 51 | NOTTINGH, | ¢6.80 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 52 | SEDGEMOO | £6.80 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 53 | SWALE | ¢6.80 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 54 | WEST BERK | £6.80 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 55 | EDINBURGH | ¢6.75 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 56 | NUNEATON | £6.75 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 57 | TORBAY | ¢6.75 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Appendix 5

## Amended Table of Fares to reflect date of implementation and addition of line for I/7 distance of a mile flag fall.

## HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF FARES

Made by virtue of Section 23 of the Plymouth City Council Act 1975
The driver must not refuse, without reasonable excuse, to take a hirer or would be hirer to any place within the licensing district, Section 53. Town and Police Clauses Act 1847.

Applies to ALL journeys within the City boundary, and to journeys outside the City boundary unless agreed otherwise between driver and hirer, PRIOR to the hiring being commenced. Fares detailed below are the MAXIMUM fares that may be charged. Hiring's may be undertaken without the use of the meter where there is a prior contract with a public authority or for a period in excess of one hour. No other charges may be made.
Tariff I Applies Monday to Saturday from 6am to 7pm
Tariff 2 Applies Monday to Saturday from 7pm to 6am, Sundays/Bank Holidays from 6am to 6am the following day
Tariff 3 Applies from 7pm Christmas Eve to 6am 27 December and from 7pm 31 December to 6am I January

| Distance | Tariff I | Tariff 2 | Tariff 3 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| For any distance up to $1 / 6^{\text {th }}$ of a mile | $£ 3.30$ | - | $£ 6.60$ |
| For any distance up to $1 / 7$ th of a mile | - | $£ 3.80$ | - |
| For each subsequent $1 / 6^{\text {th }}$ of a mile or part thereof | 30 p | - | 60 p |
| For each subsequent $I / 7^{\text {th }}$ of a mile or part thereof | - | $30 p$ | - |


| Waiting Time | Tariff 1 | Tariff 2 | Tariff 3 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| For each completed period of 60 seconds |  | 30 p |  |
| For each completed period of 90 seconds | $30 p$ |  | 60 p |


| Extra Charges |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| Each additional passenger after the second (accompanied children under the age of 3 are not charged, two children between 3 \& 12 to be charged as one). | 20p |
| Entrance to MOD establishments, booking fee, or from Plymouth Railway Station (subject to permit). | 50p |
| For each uncaged animal except guide, hearing or other assistance dogs. | 50p |
| In the event of extra public holidays being announced within the life of this tariff, the tariff stands with an additional charge to be added to the meter for each hiring on the new public holiday. | 50p |
| Fuel - to be added to each hiring if and when fuel oil is $f 1.50$ per litre at Home Park Service Station (Outland Road) with a further IOp for each subsequent increase of 10 p per litre. | 10 p |
| For any soiling of a vehicle, inside or out. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Up to } \\ & \text { f100.00 } \end{aligned}$ |
| Toll charges incurred at current rate for return journey. |  |
| Effective from Date |  |


[^0]:    Your comments that the starting price needs to be looked at, a later end time for tariff 2 and that the proposed soiling charge is open to abuse have been noted and will be considered along with the other responses and proposals received.
    The proposed changes were not put forward by the PLTA but by at the time an independent driver, the PLTA supported the

