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Hackney Carriage Fare Review 2022 – Trade Consultation

Overview

Guildford Borough Council licenses and regulates taxi and private hire services in the Borough. As part of this we set the maximum fares which taxis (Hackney Carriages) can charge. These fares are normally reviewed each year and reflect the costs of operating a taxi in Guildford, against what it is reasonable for the public to pay for the service.

In 2013 the Council approved a methodology of calculating taxi fares which allows the costs of running a vehicle and providing the service to be recovered over the number of miles licensed vehicles complete.

The date input into the methodology is reviewed every year and this questionnaire seeks to consult the taxi trade on the data and costs used to calculate the Borough's taxi fares. Please read the questionnaire and take the time to complete it. The higher response rate will ensure that the views of the trade are taken into account when calculating the fares. It is also important to provide as much detail and evidence as possible with your response such as copies of receipts and journey records in order to substantiate any figures given.

Consultation

Please participate constructively in this consultation and let us know your views by 17:00 on the 28 February 2022. Anonymous responses, historical submissions or challenges to the approved methodology will not be considered.

The responses to this consultation will be considered and taken into account when deciding what changes should be made to taxi fares and tariffs.

We will update the trade on progress through our newsletters.

Any responses may be published by the Council.

Any enquiries about this consultation can be made to the Licensing Team.

Section 1: Figures used to Calculate Fares

The table below shows the annual average mileage, annual average salary and annual average cost figures used to calculate the current fares in effect. Please use the space provided in order to make any comment on these figures for this years review. Comments can include views on what the figure should be, or if the figure should not be included.

Please provide as much evidence as possible in order to justify your comments and substantiate any figures given, for example if you spend £600 on tyres per year, record this figure and provide a copy of the receipt. Figures provided without supporting evidence cannot be considered.

Item	Current Figure	Comments for 2022 Fares
Annual average salary for Guildford	£31,537	
The average annual mileage for a Guildford taxi	23,220 miles	
The amount of mileage without a fare paying passenger	10,449 miles	
The amount of mileage with a fare paying passenger	12,771 miles	
The average mileage travelled for each fare paying journey in Guildford	2.5 miles	
The average number of journeys travelled with a fare paying passenger	5108.4	
Dead mileage* rate	45%	
Annual vehicle depreciation	£3692.35	
Cost of capital	£592.22	
Annual cost of insurance	£1157.92	
Cost of Road Tax	£190	

Average breakdown cover	£54.73	
Average cost of fuel per litre over past 12 months, plus an additional 5 pence	137.0 pence	
Annual cost of tyres	£513.16	
Annual service labour costs	£568.89	
Annual cost of replacement parts	£759.29	
Annual cost of parking and tolls	£508.52	
Annual station rank permit	£1038	
Annual Hackney Carriage Licence fee	£249.74	
Vehicle test fees	£114 (£57 x 2)	
Driver Licence fee (pro rata)	£127.85	
Cost of providing a roof sign and meter	£60	
One off cost of applying Hackney Carriage Livery (over 10 years)	£1200	
One off cost to remove Hackney Carriage Livery at the end of a vehicle's life (over 10 years)	£300	
Annual cost of Hackney Carriage Livery maintenance	£300	
Cost of card payment terminal (per year)	£500	

* Dead mileage is defined as the percentage of the distance that is travelled without a fare paying passenger aboard. It does not include any distance travelled on a fare where the meter is not used (for example a school contract or airport run), any distance travelled in the vehicle for personal (social, domestic, pleasure) use, or distance travelled to and from home to work.

Section 2 – Proposals for 2022 Review

We are proposing to take the vehicle running cost figures previously used, and adjust these for inflation for the period since publication, so that they are up to date for 2022. We propose to use government RPI inflation figures to adjust the data.

We are proposing to include an annual allowance of £100 for the cost of installing and maintaining a CCTV system as required under the new Policy. This is based upon an estimated installation cost of £600 and up to £400 to cover servicing and maintenance costs, over the 10 year life of a vehicle.

We are not proposing to amend the times affecting the current tariffs.

We are pleased to hear views from the trade on the inclusion or removal of any costs associated with running a vehicle or amending the times affecting the tariff. Please use the space below to make any suggestions, for example other costs associated with running a taxi in Guildford which you would like included in the fare calculator.

Please make any comments in the section below and include as much evidence as possible in order to justify your comments. Figures provided without supporting evidence cannot be considered.

Section 3 – Any other comments

Finally, we are pleased to hear views from the trade on any other items relevant to taxi fares which would benefit both the licensed trade and passengers.

Please use the space below to make any other relevant suggestions or comments.

Section 4 – Consultee Details

Please note that anonymous responses will not be considered.

Name			
HC Driver Licence No		HC Vehicle Licence No	

Please return to Licensing at the address above by 17:00 on 28 February 2022.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.