

## Hackney Carriage Fare Increase Proposal

Further to the meeting by Mid Sussex Licensing Committee held on 8th February 2022, we understand the outcome for a Hackney Carriage fare increase would be revisited again in six months' time. We would like, if possible, for this to be looked at again before this period of time as a matter of urgency.

Since your meeting we have seen drastic changes in the world and spiralling costs. We are now faced with unprecedented times and would appreciate some help "now" if possible.

- Fuel depending on area, has risen (as of 16th March) between 17-20% since February and in some places, more.
- Inflation is predicted to rise above 7% this year.
- Energy home costs will be more than £600-£1,000.00 higher this year and could go much higher, some predict between £2,000-3,500 per household.
- Other costs for tyres, MOT's, servicing, have all increased.

The drivers who have signed asking the Council to help and re-consider looking at a fare increase before this six month period also propose the following:

- To keep tariff system as we have now 1: 2: 3 along with hiring times and holiday/bank holidays as today.
- Straight increase of 40pence pence making tariff 1 start- up £3.60, tariff 2 £5.40, tariff 3 £7.20
- Reduce yardage for next 140 metres to 130 metres keeping the waiting time and cost the same 20p 30p and 40p respectively.
- Tariff card needs updating to cover congestion/pollution charges and airport drop off charges under "Surcharges". Soiling charge needs to increased (suggested £150.00). You cannot get a car professionally cleaned properly for £40.00

**Could we also ask for consideration an automatic fare review yearly (even if the answer is no) as we have not had one for over 3 years now. This would also keep one big leap for the customer to a minimum and give us a cost of living increase yearly based on what the Council feels is appropriate against inflation and other general rising of costs at the time.**

We have this time managed to get more engagement from the drivers, and those who never signed up last time have stated it was mainly down to the fact they did not want a complexed 5 tier tariff for the customer. Hence the above proposal keeping it simple tariff 1: 2 and 3 as we have now and they have signed up on this basis and of course rising costs all round.

Afternoon Jon/Gary,

Any chance when updating the tariff card we can also ask for when the pump prices go above to be updated to a more realistic level?

A £1.90-£2.24 (increased from 20p to 50p)

B £2.25-£2.49 (increased from 40p to 90p)

C £2.50 per liter (increased from 60p to £1.10)

These updated charges would be at the discretion of the driver if they wished to apply?

Inflation now set to go above 10% so we really do need this looked into urgently, hopefully the meeting in June is happening?

Kind regards,

Andy.