

# Regulatory Committee Agenda

**20 October at 7pm**

**Marconi Room, Civic Centre, Chelmsford**

## **Membership**

Councillor L.A. Mascot (Chair)  
Councillor D.G. Jones (Vice-Chair)

## **and Councillors**

R.H. Ambor, L. Ashley, D.J.R. Clark, A.E. Davidson, J.A. Frasca, A.M. John, R.J. Lee, L.A. Millane, I.C. Roberts, T.E. Roper and S.J. Scott

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# Regulatory Committee

20 October 2022

## AGENDA

### 1. Apologies for Absence

### 2. Minutes

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2022.

### 3. Declaration of Interests

All Members are reminded that they must disclose any interests they know they have in items of business on the meeting's agenda and that they must do so at this point on the agenda or as soon as they become aware of the interest. If the interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they are also obliged to notify the Monitoring Officer within 28 days of the meeting.

### 4. Public Question Time

Any member of the public may ask a question or make a statement at this point in the meeting. Each person has two minutes and a maximum of 20 minutes is allotted to public questions/statements, which must be about matters for which the Committee is responsible.

The Chair may disallow a question if it is offensive, substantially the same as another question or requires disclosure of exempt or confidential information. If the question cannot be answered at the meeting a written response will be provided after the meeting.

Any member of the public who wishes to submit a question or statement to this meeting should email it to [committees@chelmsford.gov.uk](mailto:committees@chelmsford.gov.uk) at least 24 hours before the start time of the meeting. All valid questions and statements will be published with the agenda on the website at least six hours before the start time and will be responded to at the meeting. Those who have submitted a valid question or statement will be entitled to put it in person at the meeting.

5. Application for an Increase in Fares (Tariff) charged by Hackney Carriages

6. Urgent Business

To consider any other matter which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.

MINUTES OF THE  
REGULATORY COMMITTEE  
held on 14 July 2022 at 7.10pm

Present:

Councillor L. Mascot (Chair)

Councillors, D.J.R. Clark, A.E. Davidson, J.A. Frasca, R.J. Lee and S.J. Scott

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ambor, Ashley, Jones, Millane and Roberts.

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. **Declaration of Interests**

All Members were reminded to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary interests or other registerable interests where appropriate in any items of business on the meeting's agenda. None were made.

Cllr Clark left the meeting at 7.11pm when Cllr Scott arrived.

4. **Public Question Time**

Three members of the taxi trade attended the meeting to make statements on Item 5 and spoke at that point in the meeting. No other questions or statements were received ahead of the meeting.

5. **Consultation for Increase in Taxi (Hackney Carriage) Fares - Tariff**

The Committee received a report asking them to consider the proposed new tariff and the feedback following the consultation period. The Committee were reminded that at their last meeting they received a proposal and it was agreed that it would be consulted on. It was noted that four submissions were received during the period and they were attached as Appendix B to the report. The Committee heard that observations had been made on the following areas;

- Tariff B complicated
- The option to switch between Tariffs A & B may be open to misuse where a taxi is used by 4 persons or less.

- Difficulties previously experienced by taxi drivers in accepting units of 5p (Change etc)
- Tarrif B is calculated as a compound of tarrif A i.e. 50% of the requested fare increased by inflation.
- Concerns that Tarrif B may lead to conflict, violence, threats and racial abuse.
- Tarrif B – two public concerns in respect of a 50% increase.

The Committee were informed of the options available to them following the consultation period;

- To not make any changes to the current tarrif
- To approve and implement the Tarrif A and B increase as consulted on
- To approve and implement only Tarrif A as consulted on
- To approve and implement only Tarrif B as consulted on
- Make a recommendation for the petitioner(s) to revise their tarrif proposal(s) for further consideration by the Regulatory Committee before considering any approval.

The Committee also heard from three members of the taxi trade who had submitted statements ahead of the meeting. These were in response to points raised during the consultation period by other members of the public and taxi trade. The Chair informed them that the points would be listened to at the meeting, but due to being outside of the formal consultation period they could not be fully considered. The following points were made to the Committee;

- There had been little concern shown by members of the public in relation to the two proposals.
- The comment regarding all tariff charges going up by 50% was inaccurate.
- Very few responses were received against Tarrif B.
- A trade petition of 48 Multi Seater Vehicle Proprietors had demonstrated overwhelming support from the trade for Tarrif B.
- Saloon vehicles were designed to carry people whereas Multi Seater Vehicles are in essence vans that have been converted to become a Taxi carrying passengers.
- It would cost at least 135% to 300% more to purchase a brand new MSV vehicle over a saloon.
- Drivers could simply cancel the action if selecting the incorrect fare by accident.
- Concerns raised about change in 5p increments would not be a major issue as most customers paid by card and drivers always carried the appropriate change.
- Saloon car plates had a higher value amongst taxi drivers, fetching a large premium due to their cheaper running and replacement costs, this may be diminished should the earning potential of MSV vehicles be increased.
- The new tarrif had been created against the newly submitted 8% cost of living and fuel tarrif.
- Tarrif B would be set at the beginning of the journey depending on the amount of passengers at that point.

The Chair clarified for those present at the meeting, that due to the legislation regarding fare increases they could only consider those points made in the specific consultation period. It was noted that there appeared to be some confusion amongst

the taxi trade over the Tarrif B element of the propsoals, but that there was significant support for the Tarrif A element. It was noted that there had been some disagreement within the taxi trade regarding the quoted percentages on Tariff B, therefore the Committee were minded to accept Tarrif A but not Tariff B. It was noted that the petitioners would be able to resubmit the Tariff B element with all of the necceasry comments then being made during the resulting consultation period. The Committee informed those present that this step would allow them to ensure all views could be considered as they would be part of the formal consultation process.

In response to questions from the Committee, it was noted that;

- For Tarrif B, the tariff would be set regarding the number of passengers at the beginning of the journey.
- Taxi drivers were able to charge less than the recommended tariff if they wished, but not above it.
- Eight seater vehicles were subject to different legislation, not within the Council's remit.

**RESOLVED** that the Committee agreed,

1. to approve and implement Tarrif A as consulted on and;
2. to not approve Tarrif B and;
3. to invite the petitioners to resubmit Tarrif B so all comments could be made during the consultation period and then be considered in full by the Committee and;
4. to delegate to the Director of Public Places the decision to choose an implementation date for the new tariff.

*(7.10pm to 7.34pm)*

## 6. [Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles \(Disabled Persons\) Act 2022](#)

The Committee received a report informing them of new legislation which amended the Equality Act 2010. This had been introduced to reinforce responsibilities of licensed drivers of vehicles 'Designated' under the Act and to extend responsibilities to include drivers of non 'Designated vehicles'. It was noted that the Council had now published a list of designated vehicles on their website as required by the updated legislation.

The Committee was informed that the updated legislation had been incorporated into the Council's taxi policy via minor changes at Paragraphs 2.15.1 and 2.15.2.1. It was noted that all drivers had been invited to apply for exemptions where they felt they met the criteria.

**RESOLVED** that the amended legislation be noted which would be reflected by suitable amendment to the existing taxi licensing policy.

*(7.35pm to 7.39pm)*

7. Urgent Business

There were no matters of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 7.39pm

Chair



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## Chelmsford City Council Regulatory Committee

**DATE: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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### **APPLICATION FOR AN INCREASE IN FARES (TARIFF) CHARGED BY HACKNEY CARRIAGES**

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Report by: Licensing Lead Officer – Daniel Winter

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#### Purpose

To consider a petition on behalf of the Chelmsford Taxi Drivers Association to increase the fares charged in respect of Hackney Carriages (Tariff charges).

#### Recommendations

Members are requested to consider the petition and determine whether or not to approve for consultation an increase in Hackney Carriage fares (the tariff).

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#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 Section 16 of 'The District of Chelmsford Bye-laws' approved on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1975 - adopted the imposition of tariff charges in respect of fares levied by Hackney Carriages. Tariffs may be periodically reviewed, which is generally following an application by a licence holder on behalf of others and where previously this has been in the form of a petition

- 1.2 The last review of the Taxi Tariff was in July 2022 in response to a petition from Mr Terry Michel due to Covid 19 pandemic and inflation to fuel prices. This petition was granted by members on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and took effect from 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 when the Hackney Carriage meters were recalibrated.
- 1.3 In addition to the petition received earlier this year, a separate petition submitted by Ian Vernon, on behalf of the Chelmsford Taxi Drivers Association, was received that proposed additional issues that 'level up' fares charged locally. The 'levelling up' refers to the numbers of passengers that use vehicles (where customers using a 4-seater vehicle might individually pay less than a fully occupied 5 or 6 multi seater vehicle) that are more costly to purchase and to operate. This Petition was refused by the committee, but petitioners were invited to resubmit it so that all comments could be made during the consultation period and considered in full by the committee.
- 1.4 On 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022 Ian Vernon, on behalf of the Chelmsford Taxi Drivers Association, submitted a new petition for a tariff increase which adds a surcharge to the current tariff when a vehicle is used by 5 or more passengers. The current tariff is attached at Appendix A. The same approach is taken in two other local authority areas in Essex.
- 1.5 Included in at Appendix B is a comparison of the change between the current tariff where a licensed vehicle is hired by not more than 4 persons, and the proposed tariff which provides additional tariff charges when hired by 5 or more persons (not including wheelchair users and carers).
- 1.6 Private Hire Vehicles can establish their own fees, whereas Hackney Carriages are legally committed to charge not more than the tariff when operating within the district of this local authority.
- 1.7 A national tariff comparison is provided at Appendix C as an abstract from the Private Hire and Trade Magazine (PHTM). As of 1st October, Chelmsford City Council are currently in position 30.
- 1.8 A further statement provided by Mr Vernon was received to support the current petition. The statement includes a pathway to comments made on Essex Live Facebook page that did not appear to be working. It was asked of Mr Vernon to provide this information in a different format, but no further information was provided by the time this report was written. This is attached as Appendix D.

## 2. Implications

- 2.1 If the tariff change is agreed, the proposed table of fares will need to be advertised in the local paper for 14 days (from 27/10/2022 until 09/11/2022) and displayed in the Council offices and on the Council's website. It would also be the intention of officers to inform individual licence holders as part of this process.

2.2 Where there are no objections it is proposed that the changes take effect on 10/11/2022 subject to availability for the meters to be recalibrated.

2.3 Where there are objections, the committee will need to consider the proposal further in the light of those representations. If, following due consideration, the tariff increase is approved it must come into effect not later than 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### 3. Options

3.1 Members may consider amending any part of this proposal and have the following options:

a) Support the proposal as submitted and approve the tariff increase for consultation and implemented in accordance with the proposed timescale where no objections are received.

b) Modify the proposal and approve the modified tariff increase for consultation and implemented in accordance with the proposed timescale where no objections are received.

c) Not to approve any form of increase to the current tariff

3.2 In the event that an objection or representation is submitted the matter must be referred back to the Regulatory Committee for further consideration and where necessary, establish a further implementation date.

### Appendices:

A – The petition for a tariff increase for multi seater vehicles

B – Proposed new tariff comparison

C – PHTM national Tariff league table

D – Further statement from Ian Vernon to support the petition

### Background reading:

None

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### Corporate Implications

Legal/Constitutional: None

Financial: None

Potential impact on climate change and the environment: None

Contribution toward achieving a net zero carbon position by 2030: None

Personnel: None

Risk Management: None

Equality and Diversity: None

Health and Safety: None

Digital: None

Other: None

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**Consultees:** The petitioners

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**Relevant Policies and Strategies:** None

# APPENDIX A

Dear Dan

On behalf of the Chelmsford Taxi Drivers Association (CTDA) I raised a petition for a Tariff increase for multi seater vehicles now known as Tariff B. This was heard by the Regulatory Committee on 9th June 2022, who in turn unanimously agreed to the proposal and a period of public consultation followed.

On the 14th July following the public consultation period the Regulatory Committee sat to consider such response. In light of some of the misleading and inaccurate comments made by 2 members of the trade the CTDA felt these needed to be challenged/disputed.

As it transpired, we were advised at the meeting our comments although valid and welcomed could not be considered outside the consultation period. Therefore, as a result we were advised by the Chair that if we wished to continue with the petition we would have to re submit our application.

Therefore in light of this please accept this email as an application to raise before the Regulatory committee at the earliest opportunity.

It is worth pointing out that at no time within this consultation period, and the short period of time that followed, did the CTDA have opportunity to discuss any concerns that may exist with the Council in order to have the proposal granted.

May I now take this opportunity to invite Licensing to communicate with us to establish what concerns, if any, may now exist so that the CTDA can respond and allay any fears.

Myself and representatives of the trade are more than happy to make an appointment with yourself, if you feel this will be beneficial.

Kind regards

Ian Vernon  
Chair  
CTDA

## Chelmsford Hackney Carriage Fares-Current Tariff

### Hackney Carriage Fares (YARDS)

#### Tariff 1a:

*06:00 to 23:00 Monday to Saturday (excluding public holiday)*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| First 625 yards or 2 minutes and 34 seconds (pull off)                   | £3.60 |
| Each subsequent 71.0 yards. (Equates to £2.479 per mile after 625 yards) | £0.10 |
| Waiting time per 17.5 seconds  | £0.10 |

#### Tariff 2a:

*23:00 to 06:00 daily and anytime on public holidays (all day) 18:00 to 22:00  
Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve*

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| First 700 yards or 3 minutes and 15 seconds (pull off)                  | £4.80 |
| Each subsequent 50.7 yards (Equates to £3.471 per mile after 700 yards) | £0.10 |
| Waiting time per 14.10 seconds  | £0.10 |

#### Tariff 3a:

*06:00 to 23:00 Sundays*

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| First 410 yards or 1 minute and 17 seconds. (pull off)                  | £4.70 |
| Each subsequent 71.6 yards (Equates to £2.458 per mile after 410 yards) | £0.10 |
| Waiting time per 11.60seconds   | £0.10 |

#### Tariff 4a:

*For hiring's begun between 22:00 24<sup>th</sup> December and 06:00 27<sup>th</sup> December and  
between 22:00 on 31<sup>st</sup> December and midnight on 1<sup>st</sup> January (no extras)*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| First 495 yards or 1 minutes and 56 seconds. (pull off)                | £5.60 |
| Each subsequent 84.7 yards (Equates to £4.156per mile after 495 yards) | £0.20 |
| Waiting time per 19.8 seconds  | £0.20 |

#### Miscellaneous extras:

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| For each additional passenger above one per journey                       | £0.30  |
| For items carried outside the passenger compartment                       | £0.20  |
| Each bicycle, push chair or perambulator                                  | £0.20  |
| Each other parcel or item of luggage                                      | £0.20  |
| Spoilage charge-a reasonable charge may be levied to a <b>maximum</b> of: | £65.00 |

## Chelmsford Hackney Carriage Fares-Proposed Tariff

### Hackney Carriage Fares (YARDS) – 5/6 PASSENGERS (NOT APPLICABLE TO WHEELCHAIR USERS AND CARERS)

#### Tariff 1b:

*6:00 to 23:00 Monday to Saturday (excluding public holiday)*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Time and yardage as above (pull off)                                     | £5.40 |
| Each subsequent 71.0 yards ((Equates to £3.718 per mile after 625 yards) | £0.15 |
| Waiting time per 17.5 seconds  | £0.15 |

#### Tariff 2b:

*23:00 to 06:00 daily and anytime on public holidays (all day) 18:00 to 22:00  
Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve*

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| Time and yardage as above (pull off)                                     | £7.20 |
| Each subsequent 50.70 yards (Equates to £5.207 per mile after 700 yards) | £0.15 |
| Waiting time per 14.10 seconds   | £0.15 |

#### Tariff 3b:

*06:00 to 23:00 Sundays*

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Time and yardage as above (pull off)                                    | £7.05 |
| Each subsequent 71.6 yards (Equates to £3.687 per mile after 410 yards) | £0.15 |
| Waiting time per 11.60 seconds  | £0.15 |

#### Tariff 4b:

*For hiring's begun between 22:00 24<sup>th</sup> December and 06:00 27<sup>th</sup> December and  
between 22:00 on 31<sup>st</sup> December and midnight on 1<sup>st</sup> January (no extras)*

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Time and yardage as above (pull off)                                    | £8.40 |
| Each subsequent 84.7 yards (Equates to £6.234 per mile after 495 yards) | £0.30 |
| Waiting time per 19.8 seconds   | £0.30 |

#### Miscellaneous extras:

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| For each additional passenger above one per journey                       | £0.30  |
| For items carried outside the passenger compartment                       | £0.20  |
| Each bicycle, push chair or perambulator                                  | £0.20  |
| Each other parcel or item of luggage                                      | £0.20  |
| Spoilage charge-a reasonable charge may be levied to a <b>maximum</b> of: | £65.00 |

# THE NATIONAL HACKNEY FARES TABLE SEPTEMBER 2022

NATIONAL AVERAGE  
TWO MILE HACKNEY FARE  
TARIFF ONE

**IS NOW £6.55**

TABLE COLOUR CODE

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| RISE IN 2022 | RISE IN 2014 |
| RISE IN 2021 | RISE IN 2013 |
| RISE IN 2020 | RISE IN 2012 |
| RISE IN 2019 | RISE IN 2011 |
| RISE IN 2018 | RISE IN 2010 |
| RISE IN 2017 | RISE IN 2009 |
| RISE IN 2016 | RISE IN 2008 |
| RISE IN 2015 | NO SET FARE  |

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| POSITION | TARIFF ONE COUNCIL | TWO MILE FARE |
|----------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1        | LONDON (HEATHROW)  | £13.40        |
| 2        | GUILDFORD          | £10.00        |
| 3        | EPSOM & EWELL      | £9.80         |
| 4        | LONDON             | £9.80         |
| 5        | LUTON AIRPORT      | £9.70         |
| 6        | STEVENAGE          | £8.70         |
| 7        | MID SUSSEX         | £8.40         |
| 8        | WATFORD (x)        | £8.40         |
| 9        | HUNTINGDONSHIRE    | £8.30         |
| 10       | UTTLESFORD         | £8.30         |
| 11       | CARRICK            | £8.20         |
| 12       | HART               | £8.20         |
| 13       | WOKINGHAM          | £8.20         |
| 14       | WORTHING           | £8.20         |
| 15       | BRENTWOOD          | £8.10         |
| 16       | BRECKLAND          | £8.00         |
| 17       | COVENTRY           | £8.00         |
| 18       | MAIDSTONE          | £8.00         |
| 19       | READING            | £8.00         |
| 20       | RUSHCLIFFE         | £8.00         |
| 21       | STROUD             | £8.00         |
| 22       | TORRIDGE           | £8.00         |
| 23       | TUNBRIDGE WELLS    | £8.00         |
| 24       | ISLE OF MAN        | £7.90         |
| 25       | RESTORMEL          | £7.90         |
| 26       | BRACKNELL FOREST   | £7.80         |
| 27       | BRIGHTON & HOVE    | £7.80         |
| 28       | SURREY HEATH       | £7.80         |
| 29       | WAVERLEY           | £7.80         |
| 30       | CHELMSFORD         | £7.70         |

| POSITION | TARIFF ONE COUNCIL      | TWO MILE FARE |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 31       | GUERNSEY                | £7.70         |
| 32       | WEALDON                 | £7.70         |
| 33       | BCP                     | £7.65         |
| 34       | EAST AYRSHIRE           | £7.60         |
| 35       | BASINGSTOKE & DEANE     | £7.60         |
| 36       | SOUTH SOMERSET          | £7.60         |
| 37       | CHELTENHAM              | £7.40         |
| 38       | KERRIER                 | £7.60         |
| 39       | MONMOUTHSHIRE           | £7.60         |
| 40       | OXFORD CITY             | £7.60         |
| 41       | RUSHMOOR                | £7.60         |
| 42       | SOUTHAMPTON             | £7.60         |
| 43       | TORBAY                  | £7.51         |
| 44       | JERSEY                  | £7.43         |
| 45       | CANTERBURY              | £7.40         |
| 46       | EAST HAMPSHIRE          | £7.40         |
| 47       | HARROGATE               | £7.40         |
| 48       | LEWES                   | £7.40         |
| 49       | SOUTH AYRSHIRE          | £7.40         |
| 50       | TEWKESBURY              | £7.40         |
| 51       | WEST BERKSHIRE          | £7.40         |
| 52       | ASHFORD                 | £7.30         |
| 53       | CAMBRIDGE CITY          | £7.30         |
| 54       | DARTFORD                | £7.30         |
| 55       | NORTH DEVON             | £7.30         |
| 56       | SOUTH CAMBRIDGE         | £7.30         |
| 57       | WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND     | £7.30         |
| 58       | TEIGNBRIDGE             | £7.26         |
| 59       | ARUN                    | £7.20         |
| 60       | BATH & NORTH EAST       | £7.20         |
| 61       | DORSET                  | £7.20         |
| 62       | EAST HERTS              | £7.20         |
| 63       | EAST NORTHANTS          | £7.20         |
| 64       | NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE | £7.20         |
| 65       | PORTSMOUTH UA           | £7.20         |
| 66       | REIGATE & BANSTEAD      | £7.20         |
| 67       | SOUTH GLOUCESTER        | £7.20         |
| 68       | ROTHER                  | £7.20         |
| 69       | WEST SUFFOLK            | £7.20         |
| 70       | YORK                    | £7.20         |
| 71       | EAST DEVON              | £7.15         |
| 72       | ARGYLL & BUTE           | £7.13         |
| 73       | CRAWLEY                 | £7.10         |
| 74       | DOVER                   | £7.10         |
| 75       | ISLE OF WIGHT           | £7.10         |
| 76       | MENDIP                  | £7.10         |
| 77       | MOLE VALLEY             | £7.10         |
| 78       | PENWITH                 | £7.10         |
| 79       | RUGBY                   | £7.10         |
| 80       | WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD    | £7.10         |
| 81       | RUNNYMEDE               | £7.10         |
| 82       | HARBOROUGH              | £7.09         |
| 83       | SEVENOAKS               | £7.06         |
| 84       | BRISTOL                 | £7.00         |
| 85       | BROMSGROVE              | £7.00         |
| 86       | EAST LOTHIAN            | £7.00         |
| 87       | EDINBURGH               | £7.00         |
| 88       | HERTSMERE               | £7.00         |
| 89       | MACCLESFIELD            | £7.00         |
| 90       | SLOUGH                  | £7.00         |
| 91       | SWANSEA                 | £7.00         |
| 92       | TONBRIDGE & MALLING     | £7.00         |
| 93       | WELWYN HATFIELD         | £7.00         |
| 94       | WILTSHIRE               | £7.00         |
| 95       | CRAVEN                  | £6.99         |

| POSITION | TARIFF ONE COUNCIL      | TWO MILE FARE |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 96       | SANDWELL                | £6.92         |
| 97       | COLCHESTER              | £6.90         |
| 98       | EASTBOURNE              | £6.90         |
| 99       | VALE OF WHITE HORSE     | £6.90         |
| 100      | WORCESTER CITY          | £6.90         |
| 101      | RHONDDA CYNON TAFF      | £6.88         |
| 102      | ADUR                    | £6.80         |
| 103      | BEDFORD                 | £6.80         |
| 104      | BOSTON                  | £6.80         |
| 105      | BROXTOWE                | £6.80         |
| 106      | CARMARTHENSHIRE         | £6.80         |
| 107      | CARADON                 | £6.80         |
| 108      | CEREDIGION              | £6.80         |
| 109      | EAST LINDSEY            | £6.80         |
| 110      | FIFE                    | £6.80         |
| 111      | GLASGOW (x)             | £6.80         |
| 112      | GLOUCESTER              | £6.80         |
| 113      | GRAVESHAM               | £6.80         |
| 114      | KINGSTON-UPON-HULL      | £6.80         |
| 115      | MID DEVON               | £6.80         |
| 116      | NORTH CORNWALL          | £6.80         |
| 117      | NORTH WARWICK           | £6.80         |
| 118      | NOTTINGHAM              | £6.80         |
| 119      | SEDGEMOOR               | £6.80         |
| 120      | SOMERSET WEST & TAUNTON | £6.80         |
| 121      | SWALE                   | £6.80         |
| 122      | TENDRING                | £6.80         |
| 123      | VALE OF GLAMORGAN       | £6.80         |
| 124      | WOLVERHAMPTON           | £6.80         |
| 125      | CHARNWOOD               | £6.75         |
| 126      | NUNEATON & BEDWORTH     | £6.75         |
| 127      | MALVERN HILLS           | £6.72         |
| 128      | ANGUS                   | £6.70         |
| 129      | BRAINTREE               | £6.70         |
| 130      | CHESTER                 | £6.70         |
| 131      | CONGLETON               | £6.70         |
| 132      | EASTLEIGH               | £6.70         |
| 133      | FYLDE                   | £6.70         |
| 134      | MANCHESTER              | £6.70         |
| 135      | NORTH SOMERSET          | £6.70         |
| 136      | NORTH TYNESIDE          | £6.70         |
| 137      | SHEFFIELD               | £6.70         |
| 138      | SOUTH LAKELAND          | £6.70         |
| 139      | SWINDON                 | £6.70         |
| 140      | THREE RIVERS            | £6.70         |
| 141      | SOUTH HAMS              | £6.66         |
| 142      | CARLISLE                | £6.60         |
| 143      | CONWY                   | £6.60         |
| 144      | DUDLEY                  | £6.60         |
| 145      | EAST SUFFOLK (NORTH)    | £6.60         |
| 146      | EDEN                    | £6.60         |
| 147      | EXETER                  | £6.60         |
| 148      | HARLOW                  | £6.60         |
| 149      | HAVANT                  | £6.60         |
| 150      | HIGH PEAK               | £6.60         |
| 151      | MEDWAY                  | £6.60         |
| 152      | MORAY (x)               | £6.60         |
| 153      | NORTH HERTS             | £6.60         |
| 154      | NORWICH                 | £6.60         |
| 155      | PLYMOUTH                | £6.60         |
| 156      | ROCHFORD                | £6.60         |
| 157      | SCARBOROUGH             | £6.60         |
| 158      | SHETLAND ISLES          | £6.60         |
| 159      | SOUTH TYNESIDE          | £6.60         |
| 160      | IPSWICH                 | £6.55         |

# Appendix C

| POSITION | TARIFF ONE<br>COUNCIL | TWO MILE<br>FARE |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 161      | BASSETLAW             | £6.50            |
| 162      | CALDERDALE            | £6.50            |
| 163      | DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL | £6.50            |
| 164      | EREWASH               | £6.50            |
| 165      | LIVERPOOL             | £6.50            |
| 166      | LUTON                 | £6.50            |
| 167      | ORKNEY                | £6.50            |
| 168      | CHESTERFIELD          | £6.45            |
| 169      | HYNDBURN              | £6.42            |
| 170      | BASILDON              | £6.40            |
| 171      | BLAENAU GWENT         | £6.40            |
| 172      | CASTLE POINT          | £6.40            |
| 173      | COUNTY OF HEREFORD    | £6.40            |
| 174      | CREWE & NANTWICH      | £6.40            |
| 175      | DERBYSHIRE DALES      | £6.40            |
| 176      | EAST RENFREW          | £6.40            |
| 177      | HASTINGS              | £6.40            |
| 178      | HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH   | £6.40            |
| 179      | LEEDS                 | £6.40            |
| 180      | LINCOLN               | £6.40            |
| 181      | MELTON                | £6.40            |
| 182      | MID SUFFOLK           | £6.40            |
| 183      | NORTH KESTEVEN        | £6.40            |
| 184      | SHROPSHIRE            | £6.40            |
| 185      | SOUTHEND ON SEA       | £6.40            |
| 186      | TAMESIDE              | £6.40            |
| 187      | WEST LINDSEY          | £6.40            |
| 188      | WOKING                | £6.40            |
| 189      | PERTH & KINROSS       | £6.33            |
| 190      | NEWARK & SHERWOOD     | £6.32            |
| 191      | BLACKBURN             | £6.30            |
| 192      | BURY                  | £6.30            |
| 193      | COTSWOLD              | (y) £6.30        |
| 194      | DACORUM               | £6.30            |
| 195      | DARLINGTON            | £6.30            |
| 196      | PEMBROKESHIRE         | £6.30            |
| 197      | SOUTH HOLLAND         | £6.30            |
| 198      | SOUTH RIBBLE          | £6.30            |
| 199      | DUNDEE CITY           | £6.28            |
| 200      | FOREST OF DEAN        | £6.27            |
| 201      | BABERGH               | £6.26            |
| 202      | REDDITCH              | £6.25            |
| 203      | MIDLOTHIAN            | £6.22            |
| 204      | THANET                | £6.21            |
| 205      | BIRMINGHAM            | £6.20            |
| 206      | CHICHESTER            | £6.20            |
| 207      | CHORLEY               | £6.20            |
| 208      | COPELAND              | £6.20            |
| 209      | DAVENTRY              | £6.20            |
| 210      | DERBY                 | £6.20            |
| 211      | EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE   | £6.20            |
| 212      | EAST SUFFOLK (SOUTH)  | £6.20            |
| 213      | FALKIRK               | £6.20            |
| 214      | FENLAND               | £6.20            |
| 215      | FOLKESTONE & HYTHE    | £6.20            |
| 216      | HORSHAM               | £6.20            |
| 217      | NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE   | £6.20            |
| 218      | NORTHAMPTON           | £6.20            |
| 219      | NORTHUMBERLAND        | £6.20            |
| 220      | SOLIHULL              | £6.20            |
| 221      | SPELTHORNE            | £6.20            |
| 222      | ST ALBANS             | £6.20            |
| 223      | STRATFORD ON AVON     | £6.20            |
| 224      | SUNDERLAND            | £6.20            |
| 225      | WEST OXFORD           | £6.20            |

| POSITION | TARIFF ONE<br>COUNCIL             | TWO MILE<br>FARE |
|----------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 226      | WINCHESTER                        | £6.20            |
| 227      | WYCHAVON                          | £6.20            |
| 228      | RENFREWSHIRE                      | £6.15            |
| 229      | WYRE FOREST                       | £6.14            |
| 230      | CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE              | £6.13            |
| 231      | ABERDEENSHIRE                     | £6.10            |
| 232      | CANNOCK CHASE                     | £6.10            |
| 233      | CARDIFF                           | £6.10            |
| 234      | CLACKMANNAN                       | £6.10            |
| 235      | ELMBRIDGE                         | £6.10            |
| 236      | NEW FOREST                        | £6.10            |
| 237      | TAMWORTH                          | £6.10            |
| 238      | SELBY                             | £6.06            |
| 239      | SCOTTISH BORDERS                  | £6.05            |
| 240      | ABERDEEN CITY                     | £6.00            |
| 241      | ALLERDALE                         | £6.00            |
| 242      | BLACKPOOL                         | £6.00            |
| 243      | BUCKINGHAMSHIRE                   | £6.00            |
| 244      | DENBIGHSHIRE                      | £6.00            |
| 245      | SOUTH LANARKSHIRE (East Kilbride) | £6.00            |
| 246      | EAST STAFFORDSHIRE                | £6.00            |
| 247      | GATESHEAD                         | £6.00            |
| 248      | GREAT YARMOUTH                    | £6.00            |
| 249      | GWYNEDD                           | £6.00            |
| 250      | KETTERING                         | £6.00            |
| 251      | KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK         | £6.00            |
| 252      | KNOWSLEY                          | £6.00            |
| 253      | LANCASTER                         | £6.00            |
| 254      | MILTON KEYNES                     | £6.00            |
| 255      | NORTH WEST LEICESTER              | £6.00            |
| 256      | PETERBOROUGH                      | £6.00            |
| 257      | POWYS                             | £6.00            |
| 258      | RICHMONDSHIRE                     | £6.00            |
| 259      | PRESTON                           | £6.00            |
| 260      | ROTHERHAM                         | £6.00            |
| 261      | RYEDALE                           | £6.00            |
| 262      | SALFORD                           | £6.00            |
| 263      | STOCKPORT                         | £6.00            |
| 264      | TEST VALLEY                       | (x) £6.00        |
| 265      | THURROCK                          | £6.00            |
| 266      | WARWICK                           | £6.00            |
| 267      | WIRRAL                            | £6.00            |
| 268      | BROXBORNE                         | £5.90            |
| 269      | STAFFORD                          | £5.90            |
| 270      | STOKE-ON-TRENT UA                 | £5.90            |
| 271      | TANDRIDGE                         | £5.90            |
| 272      | VALE ROYAL                        | £5.90            |
| 273      | WALSALL                           | £5.90            |
| 274      | BARNSELY                          | £5.80            |
| 275      | BARROW IN FURNESS                 | £5.80            |
| 276      | BRIDGEND                          | £5.80            |
| 277      | FAREHAM                           | £5.80            |
| 278      | FLINTSHIRE                        | £5.80            |
| 279      | HALTON                            | £5.80            |
| 280      | HIGHLAND                          | (x) £5.80        |
| 281      | LEICESTER                         | £5.80            |
| 282      | LICHFIELD                         | £5.80            |
| 283      | MERTHYR TYDFIL                    | £5.80            |
| 284      | NEATH PORT TALBOT                 | £5.80            |
| 285      | NORTHERN IRELAND                  | £5.80            |
| 286      | NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE                | £5.80            |
| 287      | NORTH NORFOLK                     | £5.80            |
| 288      | RUTHERGLEN                        | (x) £5.80        |
| 289      | SEFTON                            | £5.80            |
| 290      | SOUTH LANARKSHIRE (City/Edina)    | £5.80            |

| POSITION | TARIFF ONE<br>COUNCIL     | TWO MILE<br>FARE |
|----------|---------------------------|------------------|
| 291      | TRAFFORD                  | £5.80            |
| 292      | WIGAN                     | £5.80            |
| 293      | WYRE                      | £5.80            |
| 294      | YNS MON                   | £5.80            |
| 295      | DONCASTER                 | £5.75            |
| 296      | NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE     | £5.75            |
| 297      | CAERPHILLY                | £5.70            |
| 298      | GEDLING                   | £5.70            |
| 299      | ST HELENS                 | £5.70            |
| 300      | STIRLING                  | (x) £5.70        |
| 301      | WARRINGTON                | £5.70            |
| 302      | BRADFORD                  | £5.60            |
| 303      | GOSPORT                   | £5.60            |
| 304      | NEWPORT                   | £5.60            |
| 305      | NORTH LANARKSHIRE         | £5.60            |
| 306      | WEST LOTHIAN              | (x) £5.60        |
| 307      | WREXHAM                   | £5.60            |
| 308      | CHERWELL                  | £5.56            |
| 309      | NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME      | £5.55            |
| 310      | INVERCLYDE                | £5.54            |
| 311      | DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY       | £5.50            |
| 312      | EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE       | £5.50            |
| 313      | EPPING FOREST             | £5.50            |
| 314      | HAMBLETON                 | £5.50            |
| 315      | OLDHAM                    | £5.50            |
| 316      | ROCHDALE                  | £5.50            |
| 317      | TORFAEN                   | £5.50            |
| 318      | CLYDEBANK                 | £5.40            |
| 319      | DUNBARTON & VALE OF LEVEN | (x) £5.40        |
| 320      | ELLESMERE PORT            | £5.40            |
| 321      | HARTLEPOOL                | £5.40            |
| 322      | MANSFIELD                 | £5.35            |
| 323      | NORTH AYRSHIRE            | £5.30            |
| 324      | RIBBLE VALLEY             | £5.30            |
| 325      | SOUTH KESTEVEN            | £5.30            |
| 326      | BLABY                     | £5.24            |
| 327      | AMBER VALLEY              | £5.20            |
| 328      | BOLTON                    | £5.20            |
| 329      | HAMILTON                  | (x) £5.20        |
| 330      | STAFFS MOORLANDS          | £5.20            |
| 331      | WAKEFIELD                 | £5.20            |
| 332      | WEST LANCASHIRE           | £5.20            |
| 333      | EAST RIDING               | £5.15            |
| 334      | SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE       | £5.10            |
| 335      | STOCKTON ON TEES          | £5.10            |
| 336      | BURNLEY                   | £5.00            |
| 337      | KIRKLEES                  | £5.00            |
| 338      | ROSENDALE                 | £5.00            |
| 339      | SOUTH NORTHANTS           | £5.00            |
| 340      | CORBYP                    | £4.90            |
| 341      | MIDDLESBROUGH             | £4.90            |
| 342      | TELFORD & WREKIN          | £4.90            |
| 343      | WELLINGBOROUGH            | £4.90            |
| 344      | WESTERN ISLES             | (x) £4.85        |
| 345      | ASHFIELD                  | £4.80            |
| 346      | BOLSOVER                  | £4.60            |
| 347      | REDCAR & CLEVELAND        | £4.50            |
| 348      | OADBY & WIGSTON           | £4.40            |
| 349      | PENDLE                    | £4.40            |
| 350      | MALDON                    | £                |
| 351      | RUTLAND                   | £                |
| 352      | SOUTH DERBYSHIRE          | £                |
| 353      | SOUTH NORFOLK             | £                |
| 354      | SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE         | £                |
| 355      | WEST DEVON                | £                |

# APPENDIX D

## **Proposed Multi Seater Vehicle (MSV) Hackney Carriage Taxi Tariff**

The owners of MSV Hackney Carriage Taxis in Chelmsford would like to propose an additional tariff schedule for when their vehicles are being used in a 5 or 6 seat capacity in order to level up the purchase and running costs of a Saloon Vehicle (SV) and that of an MSV.

This proposal will be supported by a driver petition with in excess of 60 signatures from the trade, including some saloon car drivers.

### **Current Situation**

Currently there are 76 saloon car vehicles used as Hackney Carriage taxis in Chelmsford, the rest (89) and any new taxis are MSV, in order to accommodate the disability act and be wheelchair accessible.

At present, there is a huge disparity in the costs of purchasing and running a saloon car versus an MSV.

The purchase price for a MSV is double that of a saloon, an MSV costs between £35,000-£45,000 + finance, and up to £65,000 for electric vehicles. Saloon cars start at £15,000. Buying second hand vehicle is a similar situation where an MSV would be around £20,000 and a saloon around £7,000

MSV's are not designed for passenger transport like saloon cars, in the main they are commercial vans that have been converted to take passengers. Due to their larger size and weight, fuel costs are much higher for MSV and maintenance costs are higher too, with more features such as wheelchair ramps and restraints, auto locking doors, flip seats, etc requiring maintenance, as well as higher general costs of parts for commercial vehicles.

The financial burden of owning a MSV will only get worse with the trade moving to more emission friendly vehicles and finally to the utopia of fully electric vehicles.

Although the costs of purchasing and running an MSV are almost double, there is very little chance of earning any more from the vehicle on the current tariff (30p-60p in extras when the vehicle is used at full capacity).

To ensure Local Authorities have the appropriate number of taxis on the circuit and enough provision of Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles we need to find a solution to funding.

It is quite clear that license holders are feeling the pinch when licensing an MSV. In the past couple of years a great number of vehicles in Chelmsford have been lost with vehicle licences (plates) being handed back. It's no coincidence that all the plates that were handed back were MSV, diminishing Chelmsford's wheelchair accessible fleet of taxis.

Not one single saloon car was handed back. During hard times, MSV are simply not financially viable to many owners, either to run or to replace.

## **New Tariff Proposal**

Currently the way all tariffs work throughout the UK is that the more passengers that travel, the cheaper each individual passenger would effectively pay.

We would like to propose that an additional tariff be introduced, whereby if five or six passengers travel in a MSV that the fare be increased by 50% levelling up the price paid per passenger. If the vehicle was used for one to four passengers the fare tariff would remain the same.

### **For example:**

Should an MSV undertake a five mile journey at Rate 1, it would increase the price by from £15.11 to £22.57 (An increase of £7.56), at Rate 2 it would increase the fare from £20.78 to £30.88 (An increase of £10.10)

4 people travelling at Rate 1 would pay £3.78 per person

6 people travelling at Rate 1 would pay £3.76 per person

4 people travelling at Rate 2 would pay £5.20 per person

6 people travelling at Rate 2 would pay £5.15 per person

### Individually no one pays more

Three extra 5/6 seater journeys on Fri/Sat evenings at Rate 2 and six on the remaining days of the week at Rate 1 would increase the drivers weekly earnings by £75.66.

Based on a 48 week year and sensible working hours this would increase annual income by £3631.68,( less tax). This amount, over a number of years, would go a long way to meeting extra running costs and saving for a new vehicle

It is worthy to note that most journeys for taxi drivers are 1-4 passengers, five to six passengers are much less common.

Please also note that this new tariff could never be used for wheelchair passengers, as the space taken up by the wheelchair in the MSV means that a situation could not occur where 5 or 6 passengers travelled together.

## **Potential Concerns from the public/trade**

Currently the taxi saloon car owner enjoy a high “black market” second hand value of their plates amongst Chelmsford taxi drivers, fetching a second hand premium of up to £25k, plus the value of the car, primarily due to their lower replacement costs and lower running costs.

This may diminish should the earnings potential of the MSV vehicle be increased and the costs versus returns between vehicle types become more equal. This may cause objections from current saloon car drivers.

To clarify, the tariff would be set manually at the beginning of the journey depending on how many passengers get in, as the number of passengers dictates which vehicle is needed.

This is standard practice in Chelmsford. Switching between tariffs when passenger numbers vary during a journey is not something we have ever seen in Chelmsford and should not be introduced now. For example, currently, the tariff doesn't increase for a passenger getting into a vehicle at 10.50pm and travelling over into the higher Rate 2 tariff at 11pm – it remains at Rate 1 for the duration of the journey.

Several councils across the UK including neighbouring Basildon select the tariff manually at the outset without undue concern. The fact that it is an offence to run the meter on an inappropriate tariff, or to over charge, could result in a licence being suspended and ultimately revoked is enough for drivers to abide to their conditions.

Astute passengers with mobile phone cameras and “How to Complain” notices and QR codes displayed in taxi's that provide links to complain will also insure that integrity is maintained.

Tariff increments would be in 15p denominations, most fares are now paid by credit card, however all taxi drivers carry change holders that accommodate 5p, so this would not be an issue.

Public feedback from the previous request for this tariff change on Facebook, showed the vast majority of the public supported tariff increases/changes, as the cost of living and fuel costs are understandably much higher now. Comments can be viewed on Essex Live Facebook post here

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=pfbid0358WQRJyntU8ZrMNkC4hBoqNhEKaYrPionuTpFTDFXCr2pHuYza3PpAT3ryDU6L1sl&id=125574517485663](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0358WQRJyntU8ZrMNkC4hBoqNhEKaYrPionuTpFTDFXCr2pHuYza3PpAT3ryDU6L1sl&id=125574517485663)

## **Summary**

1. There is currently a clear, unfair, cost differentiation between a licensed holder of a Saloon car taxi and an MSV vehicle, both on the purchase price and running costs.
2. We are requesting to look at parity on the price per person of 4 to 6 passengers
3. Appreciate and accept the future funding of MSV will greatly reduce the fleet of taxis in Chelmsford and that of wheelchair accessible vehicles.
4. There has been a huge loss in revenue throughout the COVID pandemic, which has greatly affected savings to purchase replacement MSV's and access to credit (lease purchase) leading to negative credit reference reports. Failure to act now will see many more leaving the trade
5. Whilst I appreciate that everyone is feeling the pinch at the moment, if we want to maintain a functioning wheelchair accessible fleet of Hackney Carriage vehicles in Chelmsford for the foreseeable future , something has to be done to help with the cost of purchasing and running them.