

Informal consultation with Selby hackney carriage trade on maximum taxi fare increase (fuel cap)

Dear xxx,

On the back of rising fuel costs, we have received several requests to review our maximum Hackney Carriage Fare tariff.

We want to do all we can to help you, whilst also considering what is fair for the customer. As well as this, you will be aware, all North Yorkshire Councils will be merging to one new Council next year. As part of the ongoing Local Government Reorganisation work, we are liaising with other North Yorkshire Councils and looking into how we can harmonise hackney carriage fares where possible. Due to this we have taken the view that we should review our current fares and aim to get them as close as possible to the highest maximum fare in North Yorkshire. The district with the highest maximum fare is Harrogate.

This change will give you the flexibility to change your pricing according to the cost of fuel, whilst giving the customer a fair deal.

This letter is part of an informal consultation, where we would like to know your view before we start the formal consultation.

The Proposal

The full proposal is in line with Harrogate's current maximum Hackney Carriage Fare review, and as such has taken on board the rise in fuel costs currently. To help you understand fully the implications of the proposal, please see the information below regarding Harrogate's current review:

'Private Hire Monthly magazine publishes a league table which ranks all the councils in England and Wales in accordance with the cost of Hackney Carriage fares. In the latest (December 2021) edition Harrogate was 30th most expensive out of 359 local authorities charging £7.00 at 2 miles (28th at the last review in December 2020). The proposed increase of 5% by the trade would move Harrogate to 14th in the table. Click on the link for the full data: <https://www.phtm.co.uk/taxi-fares-league-tables>.

For comparison below is a table which shows the different fees across other North Yorkshire councils who are undergoing Local Government Reorganisation. The comparison is for a 2 miles journey:

Harrogate BC	£7.00
Scarborough BC	£6.60
Selby DC	£6.06
Ryedale DC	£6.00
Richmondshire DC	£5.60
Hambleton DC	£5.50
Craven DC	£5.30

APPENDIX A

Here is the full list of the proposed (fuel cap) maximum fare increase. You will note there the tariffs will change and there is an introduction of a maximum 'call out' summoning charge. Something Selby doesn't currently have.

Tariff 1 (Between 6am and midnight)

Flag fall for the first 440 yds or part thereof	£3.60
Drop at 440 yds and every 167.62 yards or part thereof:	£0.20
Waiting time for each period of 37.36 seconds or part thereof:	£0.20

Tariff 2 (Between midnight and 6am) + (Public holidays) *

Flag fall for the first 440 yds or part thereof	£5.40
Drop at 440 yds and every 167.62 yards or part thereof:	£0.30
Waiting time for each period of 37.36 seconds or part thereof:	£0.30

*All public holidays other than those listed in tariff 3 tariff 2 applies throughout the 24 hour period.

Tariff 3 (Christmas and New Year) *

Flag fall for the first 440 yds or part thereof:	£7.20
Drop at 440 yds and every 167.62 or part thereof:	£0.40
Waiting time for each period of 37.36 seconds or part thereof:	£0.40

*From 18:00 hrs 24th December to 06:00 hrs 26th December and 18:00 hrs 31st December to 06:00 hrs 2nd January.

Fouling charge	Maximum charge:	£80.00
Extra charges	Extra charge per head which can be charged for ALL PASSENGERS when carrying 5 or more:	£0.50
Call out or summoning charge	Maximum additional rate of charge per mile for call outs over 1 mile: To be used for any part of the district (one way only). This is a maximum rate of charge, the whole or part of which is to be agreed with the hirer as an extra at the time of booking before the hire is accepted or journey commenced and is to be included on the taxi meter as an extra.	£1.00

A STATEMENT OF THE MAXIMUM FARES TO BE DISPLAYED WITHIN THE CARRIAGE in clearly distinguishable letters and figures. The above fares are applicable for all journeys within the borough boundary, if the hiring takes the journey **outside** the Harrogate Borough Council boundary, the driver must charge in line with this table of fares unless the fare has been agreed with the hirer **before** the journey starts for a **greater or lesser** amount than that shown on the meter.

What do I need to do?

Please email licensing@selby.gov.uk with your views on the proposal by stating you agree or do not agree and any additional comments you may have by [INSERT DATE]