

## RECORD OF DECISION: EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

<b>Decision No:</b>	01/OSCC/Committee
<b>Decision taken by:</b>	Portfolio Holder for Operational Services
<b>Date:</b>	16 November 2021
<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Taxi Tariff</b>
It was agreed:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) To apply a 20p increase to the Flag of the taxi tariff.</li><li>2) That the Regulatory Services Manager will proceed with and complete the tariff setting process in the minimum timeframe allowed by legislation.</li><li>3) That the next review of the taxi tariff shall commence no later than autumn 2023 in accordance with the previously agreed two-yearly timetable.</li></ol>	
<b>REASON/S FOR THE DECISION:</b>	
<p>65 taxi drivers had responded to the consultation, representing 40% of the taxi trade. 66.2% of drivers who responded were in favour of an increase to the flag with the single most popular option being to increase the flag by 20p to £3.00.</p> <p>Members of the Operational Services Cabinet Committee were in general agreement with the option of increasing the flag by 20p to £3.00, , resulting an updated taxi tariff as shown in Appendix 1 (below), and recommended this option to the Portfolio Holder.</p>	
<b>Alternative options considered and rejected:</b> The other three options to either reduce the Flag by 20p, keep it the same, or increase it by 40p were rejected.	
<b>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (if any)</b> One Member of the Cabinet Committee confirmed they were a locally licensed taxi driver	
<b>DISPENSATIONS GRANTED (if any)</b> None	

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APPENDIX 1: Revised Table of Hackney Carriage Fares agreed by Portfolio Holder (Operational Services) on 16 November 2021:

Gravesham Borough Council has authorised MAXIMUM fares for hackney carriages by distance or a combination of distance and time in accordance with the table below:

Rate 1	
For the first 320 yards	£3.00
For each subsequent 160 yards or part thereof, or each stationary waiting period of 40 seconds	£0.20
After 6 miles, for each additional 135.39 yards or part thereof, or each stationary waiting period of 40 seconds	£0.20
Rate 2	
For any hiring commenced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at any time on a bank holiday or public holiday</li> <li>between 18:00 and midnight on 24 December and 31 December</li> <li>between midnight and 06:00 on any other day</li> <li>at any time when carrying 5 to 8 passengers other than when Rate 4 would be in effect</li> </ul>	Rate 1 + 50%
Rate 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For any hiring commenced on Sundays between 06:00 and midnight when carrying 1 to 4 passengers</li> </ul>	Rate 1 + £0.60
Rate 4	
For any hiring commenced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>between 00:01 on 25 December and 06.00 on 27 December</li> <li>between 00.01 on 1 January and 06.00 on 2 January</li> <li>between midnight and 06:00 when carrying 5 to 8 passengers</li> </ul>	Rate 1 + 100%
Rate 5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For any hiring commenced on Sundays between 06:00 and midnight when carrying 5 to 8 passengers</li> </ul>	Rate 2 + £0.60
Extra Charges	
Any sundry expenses incurred (i.e. Toll Charges, Parking fees, Ferry Fees, Congestion Charges)	Amount Incurred
If vehicle is soiled to the extent that it has to be cleansed before re-use	£75.00

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