

6 April 2022

HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES SURVEY

Due to the recent rise in inflation, the overall cost of living and increased fuel prices, Runnymede Council is about to undertake a review of the current Hackney Carriage fare.

The last fare increase in Runnymede was in 2014 and although surveys on increases have been made since that time there has been little enthusiasm for any increase.

Nationally and locally many Councils have increased fares recently or are considering doing so. Fares for the surrounding Council Boroughs are shown below for comparison.

If you have an opinion on fares **complete and return the attached survey** by 20 May 2022.

The matter will then be discussed at a meeting of the Regulatory Committee on 21 June 2022.

You will also find the survey on the Councils 'taxi and private hire news' web page.

<https://www.runnymede.gov.uk/taxi-licenses/taxi-private-hire-news>

Our current fare table is attached for your information.

The survey cannot give you all fare options but if you have a suggestion, please use the free text box.

One of the main costs for hackney carriage drivers is fuel, with the majority running on diesel. The price of fuel has increased substantially over the last few months and is now at a record high.

Information on fuel prices is obtained from the Automobile Association. The figures below are the average Branded garage prices for the month of June in each year (apart from 2022) supermarkets are normally 2 – 5 pence cheaper. The latest statistics only show up to February 2022.

Year	June 2014	June 2015	June 2016	June 2017	June 2018	June 2019	June 2020	Sept 2021	FEB 2022
Petrol	126.7	116.5	112.0	116.9	129.5	129.2	109.3	131.6	149.2
Diesel	133.7	121.3	112.5	118.1	131.9	133.4	114.0	134.1	161.8

Other overheads such as vehicle replacement, servicing cost, maintenance cost (such as new tyres), depreciation and insurance costs are also significant factors for the trade. All of these will be subject of inflationary pressures as well so the cost of these may increase.

Inflation - the consumer price index, (CPI) is another measure which can be used to judge fare levels. Year on year the figures produced by the Office of National Statistics show the following rates for the CPI:

- 2.3% in the year to Aug 2015.
- 2.4% in the year to Aug 2016.
- 2.7% in the year to Aug 2017.

2.3% in the year to Aug 2018.
 2.0% in the year to Aug 2019.
 0.5% in the year to Aug 2020.
 3.0% in the year to Aug 2021
 4.9% as of January 2022

Rate 1 Fare comparison chart

	Runnymede	Woking	Spelthorne	Elmbridge	Surrey Heath	Windsor & Maidenhead	Guildford	London* Due to rise on 30Apr	Average (outside London)
Pull Off/ set charge for first mile	£3.80	£4.60	£3.70	£3.85	£4.60	£6.00	£5.13	£5.63	£4.53
Second Mile (Metered)	£2.70	£2.10	£2.50	£2.25	£3.20	£2.40	£2.33	£3.00	£2.50
Subsequent Miles (Metered)	£2.20	£2.10	£2.50	£2.25	£3.20	£2.40	£2.33	£3	£2.43
Cost of a Two-Mile Journey	£6.50	£6.70	£6.20	£6.10	£7.80	£8.40	£7.46	8.63	£7.02
Cost of a Five Mile Journey	£13.10	£13.00	£13.70	£12.85	£17.40	£15.60	£14.45	17.63	£14.30

To demonstrate how any increase would change the fare tables, the information below shows the effect of adding 10p, 20p or 30p to the second and subsequent miles over the different rates. Please note the pull off rate is not shown.

For a 10p increase

Rate 1 second mile	£2.80
Rate 1 subsequent miles	£2.30
Rate 2 second mile	£3.50
Rate 2 subsequent miles	£2.88
Rate 3 second mile	£4.20
Rate 3 subsequent miles	£3.45
Rate 4 second mile	£5.60
Rate 4 subsequent miles	£4.60

For a 20p increase

Rate 1 second mile	£2.90
Rate 1 subsequent miles	£2.40

£3.63

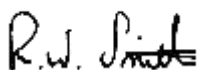
Rate 2 second mile	
Rate 2 subsequent miles	£3.00
Rate 3 second mile	£4.35
Rate 3 subsequent miles	£3.60
Rate 4 second mile	£5.80
Rate 4 subsequent miles	£4.80

For a 30p increase

Rate 1 second mile	£3.00
Rate 1 subsequent miles	£2.50
Rate 2 second mile	£3.75
Rate 2 subsequent miles	£3.13
Rate 3 second mile	£4.50
Rate 3 subsequent miles	£3.75
Rate 4 second mile	£6.00
Rate 4 subsequent miles	£5.00

Please take the time to give us your views.

Once you have completed the survey you can return by email to licensing@runnymede.gov.uk or by post to Runnymede Borough Council, Licensing section, Runnymede Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone. KT15 2AH



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