

Item 7 Revision of the Hackney Carriage Table of Fares

1. *What is reason council not accepted my Fare card proposal, which had Majority support of Hackney proprietors?*
 - A. The Council has consulted with all Hackney Carriage proprietors and the responses received were all taken into consideration. The proposed Table of Fares aims to draw a balance between the hackney carriage trade and the needs of the travelling public, given the rising cost of living, in particular, the cost of food, petrol, diesel, gas and electricity.

2. *Why is running mile the same on tariffs 3 4,5,6? Should be different on all tariffs.*
 - A. Tariffs 5 and 6 are new Tariffs and it has been proposed to set them at the same running mile rate for Tariffs 3 and 4 as a baseline to allow for members of the public to adapt to the new Table of Fares charging structure.

Item 6 Review of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2023 to 2027

3. *What is the reason behind council previously in last 10 years bringing in age Restrictions of 10 years on Hackney vehicles?*
 - A. Nationally, there continues to be a significant drive to improve air quality and it is acknowledged that motor vehicle emissions continue to be the primary cause of poor air quality and that this impacts on human health and the environment. The Council needs to continue to promote measures that improve air quality including reducing the emissions from Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles. Age restrictions are part of this work.

4. *Why are Council proposing in new policy Sept 2025 that new Hackney vehicles have to be less than 6 years old?*
 - A. There is no proposal for a new policy in September 2025. The reference made to September 2025 is regarding an extended transitional period from the previous 2019 to 2023 policy. The transitional period in the 2019 to 2023 policy was up to and including the 31 March 2024 and the proposed policy allows for an additional 12 months under the same requirements as the previous policy.

5. Why does licensing Department have policy review every 4 years?
- A. The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy is the subject of continuous evaluation and can be formally reviewed, if necessary, at any time. A 4 year period is set for reviewing the policy to ensure that the policy remains relevant to changes in legislation if no interim formal reviews have been undertaken.

These are the main questions I would like answers to? I have sent it in the form of Statement Questionnaire before so the committee have a bit more background to these questions? – **See below for other correspondence received from the same person.**

From: Hackney Carriage Proprietor
Sent: 29 September 2022 15:48
To: Taxis <Taxis@shropshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Licensing Committee meeting

Tim Ward
Mandy Beever

Good afternoon

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New HACKNEY vehicles to be Euro 6 compliant.

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Hardship, Stress and Anxiety.

Why are licensing Department wasting money on policy reviews every 4 years, hardly any other
licensing Department across country carry these out?

Kind regards

Hackney Carriage Proprietor

Public question time submission

From: democracy@shropshire.gov.uk <democracy@shropshire.gov.uk>

Sent: 29 September 2022 17:34

To: democracy <democracy@shropshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Public question time submission

An Public question time submission form has been submitted via the website. Please see below for
details.

Form Results

form Reference

UM290922:df6e7

Consent for storing submitted data - True

I wish to Ask a question at the following meeting Strategic licensing Committee meeting on the following date 05 October 2022 00:00 the details are as follows

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