

23 March 2022 at 7.00 pm

Council Chamber, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks

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## Licensing Committee

### Membership:

Chairman, Cllr. Clack; Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Abraham  
Cllrs. Bonin, Dr. Canet, Carroll, Coleman, Edwards-Winsor, Hunter, Layland, Pett, Raikes and Waterton

### Agenda

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	Pages	Contact
Apologies for Absence		
1. <b>Minutes</b> To agree the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 January 2022 and the Licensing Hearing on the 31 January as a correct record.	(Pages 1 - 10)	
2. <b>Declarations of interest</b> Any interests not already registered		
3. <b>Actions from the previous meeting (if any)</b>		
4. <b>Hackney Carriage and private hire licensing: Hackney Carriage fare tariff</b>	(Pages 11 - 20)	Sue Lindsey Tel: 01732227491
5. <b>Work plan</b>	(Pages 21 - 22)	

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LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2022 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Clack (Chairman)

Cllr. Abraham (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Bonin, Dr. Canet, Edwards-Winsor, Hunter, Layland, Pett, Raikes and Waterton

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Carroll

Cllrs. Coleman and Parkin were also present via a virtual media platform which does not constitute attendance as recognised by the Local Government Act 1972.

18. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Licensing Committee meeting held on 2 November 2021 be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

19. Declarations of interest

There were no additional declarations of interest.

20. Actions from the previous meeting

There were none

21. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing: Licence Fees and Charges 2022/2023

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report which highlighted the proposed fees and charges for implementation, as set out in Appendix B of the report.

Members considered the report, and comments received from the consultation. They discussed the impact of the potential changes to the trade and noted that the taxi licensing service was expected to remain self-financing and the proposed fees would ensure this was maintained.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impact equality assessments.

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### Licensing Committee - 4 January 2022

Resolved: That having taken into account the responses received, the proposed fees and charges set out below be adopted with effect from 1 April 2022.

#### Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

	Proposed Cost
Knowledge Test	£51.50 per test
EQUO online test	£66
New Driver application	£264 for three years
Driver Renewal application	£183 for three years

#### Dual Driver Licence

	Proposed Cost
Knowledge Test	£51.50 per test
EQUO online test	£66
New Driver application	£264 for three years
Driver Renewal application	£183 for three years

#### Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence

	Proposed Cost
New and Renewal Application	£325 for one year

#### Private Hire Operator Licence

	Proposed Cost
New application for 5 year licence	£747
Renewal for 5 year licence	£586
New application for 3 year licence	£534
Renewal for 3 year licence	£374
New application for 1 year licence	£324
Renewal for 1 year licence	£164

#### Private Hire Driver Licence

	Proposed Cost
Knowledge Test	£51.50
EQUO Online Test	£66 per test
New Driver application	£264 for three years
Driver Renewal application	£183 for three years

#### Private Hire Vehicle Licence

	Proposed Cost
New and Renewal Application	£297 for one year

Additional Costs

	Proposed Cost
DBS application	£40
DBS administration fee	£30
Change of Driver Licence type	£54
Replace Vehicle Plate	£18
Replace Driver Badge	£24
Change of Ownership of licensed vehicle	£27
Duplicate paper licence	£10
Temporary Replacement	£33
Add or remove a name from a vehicle licence	£18
Change of name and address (driver badge not included)	£18
Private hire exemption certificate	£42
General Admin Fee	£30

22. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing: Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff

Members considered the report which set out that a request accompanied by a petition from licensed drivers had been received to increase the charges set out in the Council's current tariff. The Council exercised a discretionary power to set the maximum fares for Hackney Carriages within the District. Hackney carriage drivers had the right to charge a lower amount should they wish to do so. The proposals were supported by 44 licence holders to increase the current Hackney Carriage fare tariff to assist the trade for losses incurred due to COVID lockdowns, and reflect that driving costs were increasing with petrol and service charges becoming increasingly more expensive.

The committee noted that that tariffs had not risen since 2019 and a rise could help in supporting the trade. The Chairman, with the support of the Committee, altered the motion to reflect that the consultation would also be with the public, through a public notice and on the Council's website.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impact equality assessments.

Resolved: That a consultation with all Hackney Carriage drivers and the public to ascertain their views on any proposed increase and/or changes be undertaken, and reported back to a future Committee.

23. Gambling Act 2005: Licence Fees From April 2022

Members considered the report which set out the proposed gambling licence fees 2022-2023. The fees ensured that the Council complied with its statutory duty and ensured that the Gambling Licensing service remained self-financing. It was noted that the fees had been set to include the current inflationary cost of 2%.

Members noted that the fees were approaching the statutory maxima, beyond which it would be difficult to recover costs.

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Resolved: That the level of fees and charges as set out below be approved from 1 April 2022.

	New Application proposed fee	New Application maximum fee possible	New Application current fee	Annual Fee proposed	Annual Fee maximum possible	Annual Fee currently
Existing Casinos	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Small Casino	<b>8000</b>	(8000)	8000	<b>4619</b>	(5000)	4528
New Large Casino	<b>9579</b>	(10000)	9391	<b>7455</b>	(10000)	7309
Bingo Club	<b>2362</b>	(3500)	2316	<b>829</b>	(1000)	813
Betting Premises (excluding Tracks)	<b>2969</b>	(3000)	2911	<b>600</b>	(600)	589
Tracks	<b>1851</b>	(2500)	1815	<b>829</b>	(1000)	813
Family entertainment Centres	<b>1851</b>	(2000)	1815	<b>681</b>	(750)	668
Adult Gaming centre	<b>1851</b>	(2000)	1815	<b>750</b>	(750)	750
Temporary Use Notice	<b>239</b>	(500)	234	n/a	n/a	n/a

	Application to Vary	Application to Transfer	Application for Re-Instatement	Application for Provisional Statement	Licence Application (provisional Statement holders)	Copy Licence	Notification of Change
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Existing Casinos	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
New Small Casino proposed fee	<b>4000</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>8000</b>	<b>2990</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>
New Small Casino maximum fee possible	(4000)	(1800)	(1800)	(8000)	(3000)	(25)	(50)
New Small Casino current fee	3986	1771	1771	8000	2931	12	30
New Large Casino proposed fee	<b>4549</b>	<b>2150</b>	<b>2150</b>	<b>9584</b>	<b>4389</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>
New Large Casino maximum fee possible	(5000)	(2150)	(2150)	(10000)	(5000)	(25)	(50)
New Large Casino current fee	4460	2150	2150	9396	4303	12	30
Bingo Club proposed fee	<b>1750</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>2362</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>
Bingo Club maximum fee possible	(1750)	(1200)	(1200)	(3500)	(1200)	(25)	(50)
Bingo Club current fee	1742	1200	422	2316	1200	12	30

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Betting Premises proposed fee	1500	1200	409	1851	1200	12	30
Betting Premises maximum fee possible	(1500)	(1200)	(1200)	(3000)	(1200)	(25)	(50)
Betting Premises current fee	1500	1200	401	1815	1200	12	30
Tracks proposed fee	1250	950	409	1804	950	12	30
Tracks maximum fee possible	(1250)	(950)	(1200)	(2500)	(950)	(25)	(50)
Tracks current fee	1250	950	401	1769	950	12	30
FEC's* proposed fee	1000	950	414	1846	950	12	30
FEC's maximum fee possible	(1000)	(950)	(050)	(2000)	(950)	(25)	(50)
FEC's current fee	1000	950	406	1810	950	12	30
Adult Gaming Centre proposed fee	1000	1200	414	1846	1200	12	30
Adult Gaming Centre maximum fee possible	(1000)	(1200)	(950)	(2000)	(1200)	(25)	(50)
Adult Gaming Centre current fee	1000	1200	406	1810	1200	12	30
TUN** proposed fee	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	30
TUN maximum fee possible	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	(25)	(50)
TUN current fee	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	30

\*FECs = Family Entertainment Centres

\*\* TUN - Temporary Use Notice

#### 24. Sexual Entertainment Licensing Fees

Members considered the report which set out the level of fees and charges for a Sexual Entertainment Licence. The fees were unchanged from 2021 - 2022, as the Licensing Department had not received or processed an application with the District.

#### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impact equality assessments.

Resolved: That the level of fees and charges as set out below be approved from 1 April 2022

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Type of Application	Fee
New Application	3641
Renewal Application	3641
Transfer Application	1825

#### 25. Work Plan

The work plan was noted that the response to the Hackney Carriage tariff consultation may be reported at the following meeting.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 7.50 PM

CHAIRMAN



**LICENSING HEARING**

Minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2022 commencing at 10.30 am

Present: Cllr. Pett (Chairman)  
Cllrs. Hunter and Layland

Also Present Applicant  
Respondent

Cllr Bonin (SDC)  
Cllr Waterton (SDC)  
Cllr Osborne-Jackson (SDC)

Susan Lindsey - Senior Licensing Officer (SDC)  
David Lagzdins - Senior Solicitor (SDC)  
Charlotte Sinclair - Democratic Services Team Leader (SDC)  
Elle Jones - Democratic Services Officer (SDC)  
Andy Binnie - Democratic Services Officer (SDC)

5. Appointment of Chairman

Resolved: That Cllr Pett be appointed Chairman of the meeting.

6. Declarations of interest

There were none.

7. Application for Review of Prmises Licence: Qissa, 4 Carlton Parage, St. John's Hill, Sevenoaks TN13 3NZ

Resolved: That, under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting when considering Appendix A of the following report, on the grounds that likely disclosure of exempt information is involved as defined by Schedule 12A, paragraph 7 (Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime).

The Hearing gave consideration to the report by the Senior Licensing Officer giving details of a review application which had been submitted by Home Office Immigration Enforcement in relation to Qissa, 4 Carlton Parade, St Johns Hill, Sevenoaks, TN13 3NZ.

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### Licensing Hearing - 31 January 2022

The Hearing heard from the Applicant who updated the Committee on some additional information following the publication of the Agenda papers. The Sub-Committee asked questions of clarification.

The Hearing heard from the Respondent who explained that she had let the property out, had not been involved with the running of the premises directly and had not been the employer. She advised that the restaurant had since closed and the previous tenant of the business was no longer there. The Sub-Committee asked questions of clarification.

At 11am the Hearing Members withdrew to consider the issues raised, accompanied by the Council's Legal Advisor, and Clerk to the Hearing for the purposes of providing advice only

At 11.27am the Hearing Members, Council's Legal Advisor and Clerk to the Hearing Returned to the Council Chamber.

The Chairman confirmed that the full detailed decision would be made and provided to the interested parties thereafter by the notice of determination. He advised the Hearing that the Sub-Committee had come to the conclusion that the breach of the Licensing objectives, and the Council's Licensing Policy was clear and that there was no alternative but to revoke the premises licence in respect of Qissa.

By the Respondent's own admission the Premises Licence Holder had failed to meet the lawful expectations of both Premises Licence Holder and a Designated Premises Supervisor in respect of employing people not entitled to work in the UK in the relevant filed.

Resolved: That the Licence be revoked, with the full reasoning as detailed in the Notice of Determination as attached an appendix to these minutes.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 11.30am

CHAIRMAN

LICENSING ACT 2003 – Section 52 (10)

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## **Notice of determination of application for a review of premises licence**

**To:**

**Of:** Qissa, 4 Carlton Parade, St Johns Hill, Sevenoaks TN13 3NZ

**Ref:** 21/03357/REVIEW

Sevenoaks District Council being the licensing authority, on the 2 December 2021 received an application for a review of the premises licence in respect of premises known as Qissa, 4 Carlton Parade, St Johns Hill, Sevenoaks TN13 3NZ

On the 31 January 2022 there being valid representations which were received and had not been withdrawn, a hearing was held to consider these representations, and having considered them the Licensing Sub-Committee determined as follows:

### **To revoke the licence**

The Sub-Committee has taken account of the documents provided, the oral representations made at the Hearing, the Licensing Objectives, the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the Home Office Guidance issued under Section 182 of the Act.

The Sub-Committee has had particular regard to the Crime Prevention objective on which the review was raised.

It was noted that the appeals against the civil penalties are now exhausted. The Licence Holder and DPS admitted to allowing others to arrange employment and failed to ensure that checks were carried out. The Sub-Committee was not satisfied that the Premises Licence Holder and DPS appreciated the importance of her role in upholding the Licensing Objectives and in being responsible to police and other authorities investigating the premises.

Paragraph 5.3 of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy specifies that the Council expects all licensed premises to familiarise themselves with and adhere to their responsibilities around preventing illegal working.

Paragraph 2.5 of the Home Office Guidance under Section 182 of the Act states that it is for the Premises Licence Holder to ensure the DPS is competent and appropriately trained. The DPS is the key person responsible for day to day management

Paragraph 11.27 of the Guidance states that the use of a licensed premises for employing someone disqualified from that work by reason of their immigration status should be treated particularly seriously. Licensing authorities and others are expected seriously to consider revocation where the crime prevention objective is being undermined through the premises being operated other than in accordance with the law, acting as a deterrent, even in the first instance (11.28).

Amendment of the licensable activities would be ineffective given the limited scope of the licence. Additional conditions to the licence would primarily replicate existing

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statutory requirements. Suspension of the licence for up to 3 months would be ineffective given the current closure of the premises for one month. These lesser steps would fail to uphold the Licensing Objectives.

Revocation of the licence would be appropriate in the circumstances of the case. The breach of the Objectives and failure to meet the lawful expectations of both a Premises Licence Holder and a Designated Premises Supervisor were so egregious that revocation is appropriate.

The determination will not have effect (a) until the end of the period given for appealing against the decision, or (b) if the decision is appealed against, until the appeal is disposed of. \*

Dated: 31 January 2022

Please address any communications to:

Licensing Partnership  
PO Box 182  
Argyle Road  
Sevenoaks  
Kent TN13 1GP

**\*Note:** Pursuant to Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the Licensing Act 2003 as amended, any party eligible to appeal must appeal to a magistrates' court within 21 days beginning with the day on which the appellant was notified by the licensing authority of the decision appealed against.

## HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING: HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE TARIFF

Licensing Committee - 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022

**Report of:** Chief Officer Planning & Regulatory Services

**Status:** For Decision

**Key Decision:** No

**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr. McArthur

**Contact Officer:** Susan Lindsey Ext. 7491

**Recommendation to Licensing Committee:**

- a) To consider the adoption of a new Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff taking into account the response received following the trade and public consultation

**Reason for recommendation:**

To enable the Hackney Carriage trade within the District to continue to operate economically whilst still maintaining an efficient, safe and cost effective service for those residents of, and visitors to, Sevenoaks District who need to use the services of a Hackney Carriage.

### Introduction and Background

1. Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 permits District Councils to set the fares tariff for Hackney Carriages licensed in the District and this Council, in common with most other Councils, have used this power for many years. The setting of the fares for hackney carriages is a function for this Council's Licensing Committee.
2. Please note that the fare set will be the maximum fare that can be charged and that Hackney Carriage drivers have the right to charge a lower amount should they wish to do so.
3. On 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 the Licensing Committee approved advertising the proposed new fare tariff that appears at **Appendix A** to this report. (For reference the current fare tariff appears at **Appendix B**)

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4. Member's attention is drawn to the fact that this proposed increase was supported by 44 licence holders.
5. A consultation period took place between 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The Sevenoaks District Hackney trade were notified directly by email or letter, a notice was placed in a local newspaper, and notices of the proposed tariff and how to comment were displayed on the Council website, at the Council offices in Argyle Road, and Dunbrik Garage.
6. Two responses to the consultation were received from licensed Hackney Carriage drivers and these appear at **Appendix C** to this report
7. Should the Licensing Committee be minded to approve an increase in the fare tariff, taxi meters will need to be changed at the expense of each owner, with details of the new tariff being changed by the meter suppliers to address the increase.
8. Licensing Officers will inform the taxi trade of the requirement under point 7 above, and licence holders will be notified they may change their vehicle meters from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. This will allow officers time to arrange for the printing of new tariff cards.
9. The tariff card bearing the new rate must be displayed in a prominent position within the vehicle. It will be acceptable for meters to be calibrated at a lower rate than that shown on the Council's tariff. However, any cumulative rate charged must not exceed the Council's maximum. Where lower rates are set, an additional tariff card showing those rates must also be displayed in a prominent position within the vehicle.

### **Key Implications**

#### Financial

The proposed changes in fare tariff have been formally advertised in the local press, advertised on the Sevenoaks District Council website, a notice placed at the reception offices of Argyle Road, and a notice placed at the Dunbrik Garage

#### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

The legal implications are as set out elsewhere in this report.

#### Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

#### Net Zero Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment

### **Conclusions**

The purpose of this report is to consider a request from the Hackney Carriage trade to increase the maximum chargeable fares payable by the travelling public for hackney carriage journeys.

The options available are to:

- a) Agree the proposed increase as detailed in **Appendix A**
- b) Agree to an increase, but change the amounts using information received from the consultation detailed in **Appendix C**
- c) Reject the proposal for a maximum fare increase and leave the fare tariffs as they are

### **Appendices**

Appendix A - Proposed new Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff

Appendix B - Existing Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff

Appendix C - Responses to consultation

### **Background Papers**

[Sevenoaks District Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy](#)

**Richard Morris**  
Chief Officer Planning and Regulatory Services

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**HACKNEY CARRIAGE PERMITTED MAXIMUM FARES**

as from

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|-----|--|-------------------------|
| (a) | <b>DISTANCE</b>  |                         |
|     | Charge for the first 880 yards (5/10 mile) or part thereof   | £ 4.20                  |
|     | Then for each additional 176 yards approx. (1/10 mile)   | £ 0.30                  |
| (b) | <b>WAITING TIME</b>  |                         |
|     | for each period of 1 minute  | £ 0.50                  |
| (c) | <b>WAITING TIME (WITH INDICATED EXTRA CHARGES APPLIED AS BELOW)</b>  |                         |
|     | for each period of 1 minute  |                         |
|     | (d) (ii)   | £ 0.65                  |
|     | (d) (iii)  | £ 0.65                  |
|     | (d) (iv)   | £ 0.90                  |
|     | <b>EXTRA CHARGES</b>   |                         |
|     | (i) Additional Passengers  |                         |
|     | For each person in excess of four persons  | 25% of prescribed fare  |
|     | (ii) For hiring begun between 10pm and 7am   |                         |
|     | (except all Bank & Public holidays)  | £ 2.00 per fare         |
|     | (iii) For hiring on Public & Bank Holidays   |                         |
|     | (other than Christmas & New Year holidays)   | £ 2.20 per fare         |
|     | (iv) For hiring on Christmas & New Year Holidays   |                         |
|     | (commencing 6pm on Christmas Eve to 6am 27 December  |                         |
|     | and 6pm New Year's Eve to 6am 2 January)   | 100% of prescribed fare |
|     | (v) For carriage of pets (other than dogs for registered disabled people)  | £ 3.30                  |
| (e) | <b>SPOILAGE</b>  |                         |
|     | Any claim for damage causing spoilage to the interior of the vehicle MUST be a matter between the proprietor of the vehicle and the passenger. |                         |

**ANY COMPLAINT REGARDING A DRIVER OR VEHICLE PLEASE CONTACT THE TAXI LICENSING OFFICER (01732 227004) : PLEASE QUOTE THE VEHICLE PATE AND/OR REGISTRATION NUMBER**

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**HACKNEY CARRIAGE PERMITTED MAXIMUM FARES**  
as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019

(a)	<b>DISTANCE</b>	
	Charge for the first 1232 yards (7/10 mile) or part thereof	£ 4.20
	Then for each additional 176 yards approx. (1/10 mile)	£ 0.22
(b)	<b>WAITING TIME</b>	
	for each period of 1 minute	£ 0.45
(c)	<b>WAITING TIME (WITH INDICATED EXTRA CHARGES APPLIED AS BELOW)</b>	
	for each period of 1 minute	
	(d) (ii)	£ 0.65
	(d) (iii)	£ 0.65
	(d) (iv)	£ 0.90
	<b>EXTRA CHARGES</b>	
	(i) Additional Passengers	
	For each person in excess of four persons	25% of prescribed fare
	(ii) For hiring begun between 11pm and 7am (except all Bank & Public holidays)	£ 2.00 per fare
	(iii) For hiring on Public & Bank Holidays (other than Christmas & New Year holidays)	£ 2.20 per fare
	(iv) For hiring on Christmas & New Year Holidays (commencing 6pm on Christmas Eve to 6am 27 December and 6pm New Year's Eve to 6am 2 January)	100% of prescribed fare
	(v) For carriage of pets (other than dogs for registered disabled people)	£ 3.30
(e)	<b>SPOILAGE</b>	
	Any claim for damage causing spoilage to the interior of the vehicle <b>MUST</b> be a matter between the proprietor of the vehicle and the passenger.	

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## APPENDIX C

### Responses to Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff increase consultation

#### Response 1

Approved

#### Response 2

Thank you for your email and notification of the proposed fee tariff changes

Overall I support a slight increase in fares to cover ;

- additional fuel and running costs
- additional costs imposed on drivers by the council. Some of which in percentage terms are substantial
- reduction in business due to covid for the last 20 months as people work from home. Due to covid people don't commute as much. Also there is a huge reduction in holiday airport transfers and business travel

However I object to the proposed extra charge time being moved to 10pm from 11pm. This will discourage people from getting a taxi from the station as is a substantial increase on the fare paid for local journeys. It's virtually a penalty on the customer

The additional hour will probably mean an extra £4 of revenue per night maximum but push customers away

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**Licencing committee 23 March 2022 work plan (as at 11/02/2022**

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- Hackney Carriage Fair Tariff

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