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### Hackney Carriage Tariff

The format of the Hackney Carriage Tariff in Bracknell Forest has been the same for many years. Tariffs across the country also vary greatly in their structure. The present tariffs are:

1. Tariff 1 – applicable from 7.00am until 11.00pm.
2. Tariff 2:
  - i) applicable from 11.00pm until 7.00am and
  - ii) Bank or Public holidays
  - iii) Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve from 6.00pm until midnight.
3. Tariff 3 – Christmas Day through to 7.00am Boxing Day.
4. Extra Charges:  
Fouling of vehicle – interior - £50  
Fouling of vehicle – exterior - £10.
5. When carrying more than 4 passengers a surcharge of 50% applied to meter reading at the end of the journey.

The Council wishes to consult with all holders of Hackney Carriage Licences and members of the travelling public to determine if such a tariff structure is fit for purpose and appropriate for the delivery of Hackney Carriage services within Bracknell Forest for 2011 and going forward.

In particular your views are sought on:

1. Should there be different rates of charges for different days or times of the day, or should there be a single charge for any day or time?
2. If there are different rates:
  - i) what times should they be?
  - ii) what days should they be?
  - iii) are 50% and 100% rises in fare appropriate for such travelling arrangements?
3. When a vehicle is licensed for 5 to 8 passengers is it appropriate that when carrying more than 4 passengers an additional charge of 50% on the final meter price is made and is such a charge proportionate?

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4. If a person fouls the interior or exterior of a vehicle are the charges of £50 and £10 proportionate for costs to cover lost business and / or the repair / cleaning work required?
  5. Are there any other comments or observations you wish to make?

The Council is initially seeking the views of the Hackney Carriage licence holders on the above matters prior to an in depth consultation with the trade and users of your service. We would therefore request that your comments or observations be received at this office by 5.00pm on 8 March 2011, so they can help to form the basis of that consultation.

Yours sincerely



**Robert Sexton**  
**Head of Trading Standards and Services**