



## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Committee Report



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**Report of:** Chief Licensing Officer, Head of Licensing

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**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016

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**Subject:** Hackney Carriage Fares.

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**Summary:** To consider an application for the review of Hackney Carriage Fares.

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**Recommendations:** That member's carefully consider the application for review along with any other representations made.

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**Background Papers:** Attached documents

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**Category of Report:** OPEN

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# Report of the Chief Licensing Officer and Head of Licensing to the Licensing Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016

## Request for increase in Hackney Carriage Fares

### 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider a request made by the GMB Union & Sheffield Taxi Trades Association on behalf of their members to increase the fares for journeys in Hackney Carriage Vehicles.
- 1.2 The last review of this policy took place in April 2013. The current fares table is attached at appendix A.
- 1.3 At the last review no changes were made to the table of fares and charges, this fare structure was last varied in October 2010.

### 2. Background

- 2.1 Under Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

"A Council may fix the rates or fares within the district as well for time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the arrangements for hire of a vehicle, to be paid in respect of the hire of the hackney carriages by means of a table made or varied in accordance with the provisions of this section"

- 2.2 If the Council vary the fares (rates) in anyway then they have to advertise those changes and allow 14 days for objections to the variations. If no objections are received the new fares will take effect not less than 14 days from when the advert was placed.

### 3. Requested Changes

- 3.1 After a joint consultation meeting with the GMB & STTA they have agreed to make a request for an increase to fares and changes to the fares chart. An outline of their request is attached as appendix B.
- 3.2 The proposal makes changes to the fares in numerous ways;
  - 3.2.1 The initial fare drop tariff will be at 100 yards, and then a further fare drop at 160 yards. There is no change to the initial start-up fares.
  - 3.2.2 The yardage after the initial 2 drops is reduced to 220 yards up to 10 miles, (17600) and then reduced further to 195 yards.
  - 3.2.3 The proposal is to also alter the night time tariff start hour from 20.00 hours to 19.00 hours lasting 12 hours until 07.00am
  - 3.2.4 There is a request to change the charges for use of credit and debit cards, removing the static 50p per transaction charge to a % charge of the fare. A 5% to 10% extra would appear to be more than sufficient to cover the costs of administration of such schemes.

3.2.5 Waiting time charges to change to 20p and to increase to the equivalent of £14.00 per hour, this would mean a change in the waiting time of 20p charged for every 51 seconds the cab is kept waiting.

#### 4.0 Fare Calculations

4.1 Hackney Carriage fare calculations are fairly complex in nature. Fares are calculated by a meter within the vehicle. The meter charges on yards travelled by the vehicle.

4.2 The meter uses the signal (or distance) pulses from the vehicle, which comes from a transducer (a unit that converts movement to electrical pulses) which is connected to some part of the drive mechanism. The transducer in the vehicle converts vehicle movement to distance pulses which is used to show speed/distance on the speedometer / odometer

4.3 Fares are charged in a way that the charge is added prior to the distance or part distance travelled by each "pulse".

A simple equation of this is: If the fares were 10p per 100 yards and if the vehicle travelled up to 100 yards the cost would be 10p. If the vehicle travelled 101 yards the cost would be 20p for any distance between 101 – 200 yards.

4.3 The increases are calculated by reducing the yards travelled before the next "drop" of the meter. If the proposals in section 3 were accepted and the increments moved from 30p to 20p the amount of yards travelled per pulse would reduce from 346 yards, up to 10 miles to 225 yards and reduces the over 10 miles from 285 yards to 193 yards.

4.4 In Appendix D are some examples of calculations of fares, and the differences of reduction of yardage per pulse and increments would affect the costs of hiring a hackney carriage vehicle.

4.5 Percentage increases are very difficult to calculate as can be seen from the proposed increase and the examples given in the appendices.

Using the proposal by the trades as an example (appendix B) the percentage increase per mile has been calculated and is shown on the documents in the appendices.

In the example shown you can see that as the new charges are front loaded the initial early costs are around 7% higher but then move down to below 1% on longer journeys, resulting in an average increase of around 3.5% to 3.7%

4.6 If the waiting time was to be calculated in 20p increments then the time for the waiting period for that cost would be 55 seconds. There would be no increase in the current waiting time costs which equate to £13.20 per hour.

#### 5.0 Financial implications

5.1 Any variations to the fares chart would have to be advertised in a local paper, current costs of the advertisement is approximately £1500.00; this cost would have to be borne out of the current licensing service budget.

- 5.2 There will be a small charge levied on drivers/owners of licensed hackney carriages to have their meters in the vehicle altered to reflect any change in the fare charging systems. The Licensing Service maintains a list of authorised companies/persons who are the area agents for the meter manufacturers. A copy of the current list is attached in Appendix D.
- 6.0 Consultation
- 6.1 The report has been circulated and meetings held with the Trade representatives. Trade representatives have been invited to attend this meeting.
- 6.2 The GMB and STTA trade members attended a meeting with the Licensing Service on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016, where they agreed on the joint proposal as detailed in section 3.
- 7.0 Recommendations
- 7.1 The Chief Licensing Officer, Head of Licensing Service recommend the proposal as stated in section 3 and attached at appendix B to the Licensing Committee for approval.
- 7.2 The application is for a 3.70% increase (average) in day tariff and 3.50% increase (average) in the night tariff only and will be if accepted the first increase in fares since 2010.
- 8.0 Options
- 8.1 Vary the hackney carriage fares as requested.
- 8.2 Consider the report and evidence given, and vary fares other than requested giving details of the variations and reasons.
- 8.3 Make no changes to the current fares, giving reasons as to the decision.

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Chief Licensing Officer  
Head of Licensing Service

# APPENDIX A

## Current Table Of fares

## TABLE OF FARES

The fares detailed below are the **MAXIMUM** fares, which may be charged.

FIRST 160 YARDS (146.3 metres)

<b>DAY</b>	(6.00 AM UNTIL 8.00 PM)	<b>£2.60</b>
<b>NIGHT</b>	(8.00 PM UNTIL 6.00 AM)	<b>£3.10</b>

Then 30p for every 346 yards (316 m) travelled up to 17600 yards (16093 m) - approx. 10 miles: -

After (10 miles) 17600 yards (16093m) 30p for every 285 yards (260m) travelled: -

### AVERAGE COST (not including any waiting time)

	DAY	NIGHT
1 Miles (1.6km)	£4.00	£4.50
5 Miles (8.0km)	£10.10	£10.80
10 Miles (16.1Km)	£17.80	£18.30
15 Miles (24.1km)	£27.10	£27.60

### Waiting time

For every 1 minute 22 seconds the cab is kept waiting **30p**  
**Waiting time is calculated once the vehicle is stood or travelling at less than 8 miles per hour.**

### Extras

Each hiring begun between 6.00 pm on 24th December **£2**  
 and 6.00 am on 27th December and between 6.00 pm on 31st December and 6.00 am on 2nd January.

Fouling the vehicle - MAXIMUM charge **£50**

Drivers can apply a charge of **50p per transaction**, when payment is made by debit or credit card where this facility is made available by the driver.

### Notes for passengers:

The driver of this vehicle must produce a copy of the byelaws to you on request. The driver of this vehicle should always be wearing a current badge issued by Sheffield City Council, and should also display the interior identification as issued by Sheffield City Council.

Enquiries or complaints about taxis or their drivers should be made to:-  
 The Licensing Section, Sheffield City Council, Block C, Staniforth Rd Depot.  
 Staniforth Road, Sheffield, S9 3HD. Telephone 2734005.



Current Mileage Costs

Yards	drop yardage	Start up day	MILES	Start up day	drops per mile	rounded up	Day	Night
1760	1545	1	£4.10	£3.10	4.62	5	£1.50	£4.10
3520	3275	2	£5.60	£4.60	9.71	10	£3.00	£5.60
5280	5005	3	£7.10	£6.10	14.80	15	£4.50	£7.10
7040	6735	4	£8.60	£7.60	19.88	20	£6.00	£8.60
8800	8465	5	£10.10	£9.10	24.97	25	£7.50	£10.10
10560	10541	6	£11.90	£10.60	30.06	31	£9.30	£11.90
12320	12271	7	£13.40	£12.40	35.14	36	£10.80	£13.40
14080	14001	8	£14.90	£13.90	40.23	41	£12.30	£14.90
15840	15731	9	£16.40	£15.40	45.32	46	£13.80	£16.40
17600	17461	10	£17.90	£16.90	50.40	51	£15.30	£17.90
19360	19171	11	£20.00	£18.40	6.18	58	£17.40	£20.00
21120	20881	12	£21.80	£20.50	12.35	64	£19.20	£21.80
22880	22591	13	£23.60	£22.30	18.53	70	£21.00	£23.60
24640	24586	14	£25.40	£24.10	24.70	76	£22.80	£25.40
26400	26296	15	£27.20	£25.90	30.88	82	£24.60	£27.20
28160	28006	16	£29.30	£27.70	37.05	89	£26.70	£29.30
29920	29716	17	£31.10	£29.80	43.23	95	£28.50	£31.10
31680	31426	18	£32.90	£31.60	49.40	101	£30.30	£32.90
33440	33421	19	£34.70	£33.40	55.58	107	£32.10	£34.70
35200	35131	20	£36.50	£35.20	61.75	113	£33.90	£36.50
				£37.00				£37.00

First drop 160  
 Yardage Drops are 346  
 1 - 17600 285  
 17601 +

Appendix B  
Trade Associations & GMB request



Both the GMB union and the Sheffield Taxi Trade Association make a formal request for an increase in Hackney Carriage Fares, for the licensed vehicles in Sheffield.

The full request details are set out below,

1. A shorter initial first drop to be 100 yards, with a second drop being at 160 yards.
2. The payment drops to be calculated in 20ps.
3. The yardage per drop to reduce to 220 yards from 346 to, this is to accommodate the change to 20p calculations, and give drivers a slight increase in income per journey.
4. The waiting time to be measure in 20ps also and therefore the drop to 51 seconds waiting time per 20p. This is to allow for the change to 20p increments and to give the drivers a rise to £14.20 per hour from the current £13.20
5. Card payments to be calculated in a % of the fare total and not a single payment of 50p per transaction. The use of cards is becoming more frequent and the trade wish to be able to respond to this move in the market but find that the payment for use of the card doesn't cover the cost to the driver for the card machines and administration costs incurred. The % should be able to cover just the administration costs of the system and not an overcharge. (currently awaiting costings of systems and we will present the % amount request to the meeting of the committee.
6. Night time Tariff (2) We wish for the night time Tariff to take affect from 19.00 hours and end at 07.00 hours a change from 20.00 to 06.00.

The overall % of these rises on average are low and we believe it has been some years since the last increase in fares and drivers have absorbed many rises in their costs over the period since 2010.

Fares % rises are Tariff 1 (day) 3.70% Tariff 2 (night) 3.50% on average.

Waiting time is 7.56 % increase.

# Appendix C

## Proposed Increase

# TABLE OF FARES

The fares detailed below are the **MAXIMUM** fares, which may be charged.

FIRST 100 YARDS (91.4 metres)

**Tariff 1** (7.00 AM UNTIL 7.00 PM) **Day** **£2.60**

**Tariff 2** (7.00 PM UNTIL 7.00 AM) **Night** **£3.10**

Then 20p for every 60 yards (54.86m) travelled up to 160 yards (146.30 metres)

Then 20p for every 220 yards (201.17 meters) yards up to 17600 yards 10 miles (16093 metres)

Then 20p for every 195 yards (178.31 meters) thereafter.

## Waiting time

For every 51 Seconds the cab is kept waiting

**20p**

Waiting time is calculated once the vehicle is stood or travelling at less than 8 miles per hour.

## Extras

Each hiring begun between 6.00 pm on 24th December and 6.00 am on 27th December and between 6.00 pm on 31st December and 6.00 am on 2nd January.

**£2**

Fouling the vehicle - MAXIMUM charge

**£50**

## **Credit & Debit Card Charges**

~~10~~ <sup>up to</sup> 10% may be added to the fare where payments are made using a credit or debit card.

## **Notes for passengers:**

**Any journey carried out in this vehicle whether pre booked (private hire) or hailed the driver must engage the meter for each journey.**

## Journeys that end outside of the district of Sheffield

Drivers may ask for you to agree a fare when the fare ends outside the district of Sheffield. If you agree this fare then the driver **must still engage the meter**. If the metered fare at the end of your journey is less than that agreed then you may pay the metered fare only. (LGMP Act 1976 S66, Byelaw 19 (b) TPC ACT S54 & S55)

The driver of this vehicle must produce a copy of the byelaws to you on request.

The driver of this vehicle must display within the vehicle his identification, and must always wear the badge as issued by Sheffield City Council.

Enquiries or complaints about taxis or their drivers should be made to:-

Licensing Service Sheffield City Council, Staniforth Road Depot, Staniforth Road, Sheffield, S9 3HD. Telephone 0114 2736937 Head of Licensing (August 2016)

Proposal 20p 2 early drops

Yards	MILES	Start up day	Night	drops per mile Rounded	Tariff		day % rise per mile		
					1	2			
100 - 160		£2.80	£3.30		day	night			
161 - 380		£3.00	£3.50						
1760	1	£4.40	£4.90	9	£1.80	£4.40	£4.90	7.31%	6.52%
3520	2	£6.00	£6.50	17	£3.40	£6.00	£6.50	7.14%	6.56%
5280	3	£7.40	£7.90	24	£4.80	£7.40	£7.90	4.22%	3.94%
7040	4	£9.20	£9.70	33	£6.60	£9.20	£9.70	6.98%	6.59%
8800	5	£10.80	£11.30	41	£8.20	£10.80	£11.30	6.93%	6.60%
10560	6	£12.40	£12.90	49	£9.80	£12.40	£12.90	4.20%	4.03%
12320	7	£14.00	£14.50	57	£11.40	£14.00	£14.50	4.48%	4.32%
14080	8	£15.60	£16.10	65	£13.00	£15.60	£16.10	4.70%	4.55%
15840	9	£17.20	£17.70	73	£14.60	£17.20	£17.70	4.87%	4.14%
17600	10	£18.80	£19.30	81	£16.20	£18.80	£19.30	5.03%	4.89%
19360	11	£20.60	£21.10	90	£18.00	£20.60	£21.10	3.00%	2.93%
21120	12	£22.40	£22.90	99	£19.80	£22.40	£22.90	2.75%	2.69%
22880	13	£24.20	£24.70	108	£21.60	£24.20	£24.70	2.54%	2.49%
24640	14	£26.00	£26.50	117	£23.40	£26.00	£26.50	2.36%	2.32%
26400	15	£28.00	£28.50	127	£25.40	£28.00	£28.50	2.94%	2.89%
28160	16	£29.60	£30.10	135	£27.00	£29.60	£30.10	1.02%	1.01%
29920	17	£31.40	£31.90	144	£28.80	£31.40	£31.90	0.96%	0.95%
31680	18	£33.20	£33.70	153	£30.60	£33.20	£33.70	0.91%	0.90%
33440	19	£35.00	£35.50	162	£32.40	£35.00	£35.50	0.86%	0.85%
35200	20	£36.80	£37.30	171	£34.20	£36.80	£37.30	0.82%	0.81%
First Drop is	100							3.70%	3.50%
2nd Drop is	160								
Yardage Drops are									
161 - 17600	220								
17601 +	195								

# Appendix D Calculations

### How to calculate a hackney carriage fare – and increases

Firstly you need to know the yardage of the 1<sup>st</sup> drop of the meter.

For this exercise we will use the 100 yards as the first drop.

For instance then the price shown when entering a cab is the price for the first 100 yards for this example that will be £1.00 this is the start-up fare.

To calculate how much a mile and so on will cost in fares you

Minus the start-up yardage 100 yards

From 1 mile – 1760 yards

= 1660 yards you then need to divide this number by the cost per drop (20p in this example

$1660 / 0.20 = 8.3$  drops of the meter per mile, this is always rounded up as the driver gets paid up front for yards to be travelled = 9

To gain the cost of the mile, is  $9 \times 0.20 = £1.80$  plus your start-up cost of £1.00 = £2.80 for the 1<sup>st</sup> mile.

This is then repeated per mile,

$3520 - 100 / 0.20 \times 18 \times 0.20 = £3.60$

### Waiting Time Calculations

1 hour in Seconds = 3600 (60 x 60)

Divide the hour seconds by the current waiting time, then times the (rounded) figure by the charge 20p for example. This will give you the current waiting cost per hour.

Currently this is  $3600 / 82 = 44 \times 0.30 = £13.20$

$$3600 / 55 = 66 \times 0.20 = £13.20$$

If you wish to increase it to £14.00 per hour you have to calculate the numbers of “drops” in 1 hour to achieve this.

This is done by

$3600 \text{ seconds} / \text{YY seconds} = \text{no drops per hour}$ , then x by cost per YY

$3600 / 51 = 70.588$  (71 drops)  $\times 0.20\text{p} = £14.20$  per hour

So the charge on the chart would read 20p for every 51 seconds the cab is kept waiting.

Drop Yardage	Yards	How many		Yards	
		Day	drops		
		£2.60	Start up	upto 100	£3.10
	100	£2.80	1	101	£3.30
	160	£3.00	2	160	£3.50
	380	£3.20	3	380	£3.70
	600	£3.40	4	600	£3.90
	820	£3.60	5	820	£4.10
	1040	£3.80	6	1040	£4.30
	1260	£4.00	7	1260	£4.50
	1480	£4.20	8	1480	£4.70
1760 1 mile	1700	£4.40	9	1700	£4.90
	1920	£4.60	10	1920	£5.10
	2140	£4.80	11	2140	£5.30
	2360	£5.00	12	2360	£5.50
	2580	£5.20	13	2580	£5.70
	2800	£5.40	14	2800	£5.90
	3020	£5.60	15	3020	£6.10
	3240	£5.80	16	3240	£6.30
3520 2 miles	3460	£6.00	17	3460	£6.50
	3680	£6.20	18	3680	£6.70
	3900	£6.40	19	3900	£6.90
	4120	£6.60	20	4120	£7.10
	4340	£6.80	21	4340	£7.30
	4560	£7.00	22	4560	£7.50
	4780	£7.20	23	4780	£7.70
	5000	£7.40	24	5000	£7.90
5280 3 miles	5220	£7.60	25	5220	£8.10
	5440	£7.80	26	5440	£8.30
	5660	£8.00	27	5660	£8.50
	5880	£8.20	28	5880	£8.70
	6100	£8.40	29	6100	£8.90
	6320	£8.60	30	6320	£9.10
	6540	£8.80	31	6540	£9.30
	6760	£9.00	32	6760	£9.50
7040 4 miles	6980	£9.20	33	6980	£9.70
	7200	£9.40	34	7200	£9.90



		7420	£9.60	35	7420	£10.10
		7640	£9.80	36	7640	£10.30
		7860	£10.00	37	7860	£10.50
		8080	£10.20	38	8080	£10.70
		8300	£10.40	39	8300	£10.90
		8520	£10.60	40	8520	£11.10
8800	5 miles	<b>8740</b>	£10.80	41	8740	£11.30
		8960	£11.00	42	8960	£11.50
		9180	£11.20	43	9180	£11.70
		9400	£11.40	44	9400	£11.90
		9620	£11.60	45	9620	£12.10
		9840	£11.80	46	9840	£12.30
		10060	£12.00	47	10060	£12.50
		10280	£12.20	48	10280	£12.70
10560	6 miles	<b>10500</b>	£12.40	49	10500	£12.90
		10720	£12.60	50	10720	£13.10
		10940	£12.80	51	10940	£13.30
		11160	£13.00	52	11160	£13.50
		11380	£13.20	53	11380	£13.70
		11600	£13.40	54	11600	£13.90
		11820	£13.60	55	11820	£14.10
		12040	£13.80	56	12040	£14.30
12320	7 miles	<b>12260</b>	£14.00	57	12260	£14.50
		12480	£14.20	58	12480	£14.70
		12700	£14.40	59	12700	£14.90
		12920	£14.60	60	12920	£15.10
		13140	£14.80	61	13140	£15.30
		13360	£15.00	62	13360	£15.50
		13580	£15.20	63	13580	£15.70
		13800	£15.40	64	13800	£15.90
14080	8 miles	<b>14020</b>	£15.60	65	14020	£16.10
		14240	£15.80	66	14240	£16.30
		14460	£16.00	67	14460	£16.50
		14680	£16.20	68	14680	£16.70
		14900	£16.40	69	14900	£16.90
		15120	£16.60	70	15120	£17.10
		15340	£16.80	71	15340	£17.30
		15560	£17.00	72	15560	£17.50
15840	9 miles	<b>15780</b>	£17.20	73	15780	£17.70
		16000	£17.40	74	16000	£17.90
		16220	£17.60	75	16220	£18.10
		16440	£17.80	76	16440	£18.30
		16660	£18.00	77	16660	£18.50
		16880	£18.20	78	16880	£18.70
		17100	£18.40	79	17100	£18.90
		17320	£18.60	80	17320	£19.10

17600 10 miles	<b>17540</b>	£18.80	81	17540	£19.30
	17735	£19.00	82	17735	£19.50
	17930	£19.20	83	17930	£19.70
	18125	£19.40	84	18125	£19.90
	18320	£19.60	85	18320	£20.10
	18515	£19.80	86	18515	£20.30
	18710	£20.00	87	18710	£20.50
	18905	£20.20	88	18905	£20.70
	19100	£20.40	89	19100	£20.90
	19360 11 miles	<b>19295</b>	£20.60	90	19295
19490		£20.80	91	19490	£21.30
19685		£21.00	92	19685	£21.50
19880		£21.20	93	19880	£21.70
20075		£21.40	94	20075	£21.90
20270		£21.60	95	20270	£22.10
20465		£21.80	96	20465	£22.30
20660		£22.00	97	20660	£22.50
20855		£22.20	98	20855	£22.70
12 miles		<b>21050</b>	£22.40	99	21050
	21245	£22.60	100	21245	£23.10
	21440	£22.80	101	21440	£23.30
	21635	£23.00	102	21635	£23.50
	21830	£23.20	103	21830	£23.70
	22025	£23.40	104	22025	£23.90
	22220	£23.60	105	22220	£24.10
	22415	£23.80	106	22415	£24.30
	22610	£24.00	107	22610	£24.50
	22880 13 miles	<b>22805</b>	£24.20	108	22805
23000		£24.40	109	23000	£24.90
23195		£24.60	110	23195	£25.10
23390		£24.80	111	23390	£25.30
23585		£25.00	112	23585	£25.50
23780		£25.20	113	23780	£25.70
23975		£25.40	114	23975	£25.90
24170		£25.60	115	24170	£26.10
24365		£25.80	116	24365	£26.30
24640 14 miles		<b>24560</b>	£26.00	117	24560
	24755	£26.20	118	24755	£26.70
	24950	£26.40	119	24950	£26.90
	25145	£26.60	120	25145	£27.10
	25340	£26.80	121	25340	£27.30
	25535	£27.00	122	25535	£27.50
	25730	£27.20	123	25730	£27.70
	25925	£27.40	124	25925	£27.90
	26120	£27.60	125	26120	£28.10
	26400 15 miles	<b>26315</b>	£27.80	126	26315
26510		£28.00	127	26510	£28.50
26705		£28.20	128	26705	£28.70
26900		£28.40	129	26900	£28.90

	27095	£28.60	130	27095	£29.10
	27290	£28.80	131	27290	£29.30
	27485	£29.00	132	27485	£29.50
	27680	£29.20	133	27680	£29.70
	27875	£29.40	134	27875	£29.90
<b>28160</b> 16 miles	<b>28070</b>	£29.60	135	28070	£30.10
	28265	£29.80	136	28265	£30.30
	28460	£30.00	137	28460	£30.50
	28655	£30.20	138	28655	£30.70
	28850	£30.40	139	28850	£30.90
	29045	£30.60	140	29045	£31.10
	29240	£30.80	141	29240	£31.30
	29435	£31.00	142	29435	£31.50
	29630	£31.20	143	29630	£31.70
<b>29920</b> 17 miles	<b>29825</b>	£31.40	144	29825	£31.90
	30020	£31.60	145	30020	£32.10
	30215	£31.80	146	30215	£32.30
	30410	£32.00	147	30410	£32.50
	30605	£32.20	148	30605	£32.70
	30800	£32.40	149	30800	£32.90
	30995	£32.60	150	30995	£33.10
	31190	£32.80	151	31190	£33.30
	31385	£33.00	152	31385	£33.50
<b>31680</b> 18 miles	<b>31580</b>	£33.20	153	31580	£33.70
	31775	£33.40	154	31775	£33.90
	31970	£33.60	155	31970	£34.10
	32165	£33.80	156	32165	£34.30
	32360	£34.00	157	32360	£34.50
	32555	£34.20	158	32555	£34.70
	32750	£34.40	159	32750	£34.90
	32945	£34.60	160	32945	£35.10
	33140	£34.80	161	33140	£35.30
<b>33440</b> 19 miles	<b>33335</b>	£35.00	162	33335	£35.50
	33530	£35.20	163	33530	£35.70
	33725	£35.40	164	33725	£35.90
	33920	£35.60	165	33920	£36.10
	34115	£35.80	166	34115	£36.30
	34310	£36.00	167	34310	£36.50
	34505	£36.20	168	34505	£36.70
	34700	£36.40	169	34700	£36.90
	34895	£36.60	170	34895	£37.10
<b>35200</b> 20 miles	<b>35090</b>	£36.80	171	35090	£37.30
	35285	£37.00	172	35285	£37.50
	35480	£37.20	173	35480	£37.70

# Appendix E

## Approved Agent List

**Sheffield**  
City Council



Licensing Service  
Sheffield City Council  
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Staniforth Road  
Sheffield, S9 3HD  
Tel: 0114 2734264

E-mail: [licensing@sheffield.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@sheffield.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.sheffield.gov.uk/licensing](http://www.sheffield.gov.uk/licensing)

## Approved Suppliers of Hackney Carriage Tariff Meters

### Information Notes

All Sheffield City Council licensed Hackney Carriage Vehicles must fitted with a taximeter. The need for a taximeter is set out in the Hackney Carriage Byelaws, Section 18:

*The proprietor of a hackney carriage shall cause any taximeter with which the carriage is provided to be so constructed, attached, and maintained in a manner approved by an authorised officer of the Council and so as to comply with the following requirements, that is to say: -*

- (a) *the taximeter should be fitted with a key, flag or other device, the operation of which will bring the machinery of the taximeter into operation and cause the word "HIRED" to appear on the face of the taximeter;*
- (b) *such key, flag or other device shall be capable of being locked in such a position that the machinery of the taximeter is not in action and that no fare is recorded on the face of the taximeter;*
- © *when the machinery of the taximeter is in action there shall be recorded on the face of the taximeter in clearly legible figures a fare not exceeding the rate or fare which the proprietor or driver is entitled to demand and take for the hire of the carriage by distance or by time in pursuance of the table of fares fixed by the Council;*
- (d) *the word "FARE" shall be printed on the face of the taximeter in plain letters so as to apply to the fare recorded thereon;*
- (e) *the taximeter shall be so placed that all letters and figures on the face thereof are at all times plainly visible to any person being conveyed in the carriage; and for that purpose the letters and figures shall be capable of being suitably illuminated during any period of hiring;*
- (f) *the taximeter and all fittings thereof shall be fixed to the carriage with seals or other appliances that it shall not be practicable for any person to tamper with them except by breaking, damaging or permanently displacing the seals or other appliances.*

All Hackney Carriage Tariff meters must be installed by an approved supplier. An approved supplier must be able to demonstrate to the Council that they have a full technical and working knowledge of the system, as well as the requirements of the Council, including the Hackney Carriage Byelaws, as stated above.

The Council requires all those wishing to become an approved supplier and those wishing to make adjustments to meters to make an application in writing. The Council will consider the application along with the relevant Taxi Trade Associations before a decision is made as to whether to accept as an approved supplier.

Any expenses incurred during the application and consultation process will be met by the applicant.

The below table identifies those suppliers that have been approved by the Council.

<b>Company</b>	<b>Meter Type</b>	<b>Approved</b>	<b>Date</b>
Maltings Garage Sheffield S9 3SE	Cygnus Taximeters	Steve Lonnia Chief Licensing Officer and Head of Licensing	?
	Digitax Taximeters	Steve Lonnia Chief Licensing Officer and Head of Licesing	?

Sheffield City Council does not endorse the suppliers' products, service or reputation. The Council shall not be held liable for any loss howsoever caused arising out of or in anyway connected with the use of the suppliers' products or service.

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