

# *Tendring District Council*

## *Taxi News*

*August 2022*

### **Hackney Carriage Fare Increase - Update**

Following the consultation sent to all drivers in July 2022, we are pleased to confirm that no objections or representations were received within the consultation period, therefore the Hackney Carriage Fare Increase request which was approved by the Council's Licensing and Registration Committee on 21 July 2022 is now effective from 11 August 2022 a copy of the new fare tariff is included with this newsletter to enable you to make the necessary updates to your taxi meters.

### **Address History on Disclosure and Barring Forms (DBS)**

We are still receiving numerous forms back from the DBS, as applicants have not completed their 5-year address history correctly. Can we please remind you that all addresses must be included and there are no breaks between addresses. Please also remember to include any addresses that you have listed on previous applications. The DBS have informed the Licensing Office that any forms that are submitted without this information will have their application withdrawn. Therefore, you will be required to submit a new form together with a further £40 and your licence may be suspended until the DBS check has been completed.

### **Clacton Air Show**

In the run up to the 2022 Clacton Airshow, a request has been made from Essex Police for the District's Taxi Drivers to complete an online course provided by the *National Counter-Terrorism Security Office and the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure*.

All the Clacton Airshow stewards and organisational team are completing this training and due to the key role taxi drivers play in the District, it is seen as hugely beneficial if you are able to gain this knowledge. We completely understand how busy you currently are, but if this is something you are able fit into your busy schedules, it would further improve our ability as a District to react to suspicious activity and increase education on how best to deal with it.

I have provided a link to the free training below and you will need to register yourself or company before you start:

<https://scan.highfieldlearning.com>

Thank you for taking the time to consider this valuable training and I hope you find it informative and helpful. Furthermore, if you are able to let us know if you complete the training, that would be really appreciated.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The police want taxi drivers to tell them about any suspicious activity they may see.

## Child Exploitation (CE) - What can taxi drivers do?

CE includes sexual and criminal exploitation and can affect any child, anytime, anywhere and from any background.

Taxi drivers play a vital role in spotting signs of exploitation as children being sexually and criminally exploited are sometimes transported in taxis.

Suspicious activity to look for:

- Young people being collected and taken to hotels, B&Bs or parties, especially at odd times.
- Taking young people to A&E who are not in the presence of parents.
- Young people having their fares paid by adults not in the taxi.
- Frequent suspicious activity in the same place.
- Lone young people from outside the area.
- Young people having large amounts of money and/or carrying packages.
- Young people travelling during school hours or unusual hours (e.g. late in the evening).
- Young people receiving lots of texts or phone calls.



The Tendring Community Safety Partnership



## DID YOU KNOW?

Reporting suspicious activity could save a child from abuse. Report what you see to the police.

## Child Exploitation (CE) - What can taxi drivers do?

- Make notes about the information you know.
- Call 101 or Crimestoppers (0800 555111) anonymously to report your concerns about possible sexual or criminal exploitation.
- If you are concerned about the immediate safety or welfare of a child or vulnerable person, or if a crime is being committed, report it to the Police - ring 999.

Information to share:

- Names
- Locations and addresses of concern
- Descriptions of people
- Car registration plates, makes and models of vehicles.

Visit [www.escb.co.uk/exploitation](http://www.escb.co.uk/exploitation) and follow @ESCBSafeguards on Facebook and @EssexSafeguards on Twitter

## **TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE SCALE TO TAKE EFFECT 11 AUGUST 2022**

- 1. MILEAGE**
  - (a) If the distance does not exceed 235 yards for the whole distance **£3.40**
  - (b) For each subsequent 235 yards or uncompleted part thereof in addition to (a) above **.30**
- 2. WAITING TIME**

For each period of 60 seconds or uncompleted part thereof **.30**
- 3. EXTRA CHARGES**
  - (a) For hirings throughout Sundays and throughout all Bank and Public Holidays and for hirings commencing after Midnight and before 6 a.m. Mondays to Saturdays inclusive **One-half of the above rate of fare**

**Note: When the Bank and Public Holiday charge is payable, the Sunday and night charges are not payable**
  - (b) For each article of luggage conveyed **.20**

[Luggage means suitcases or trunks but not smaller items such as a briefcase or carrier bag]
  - (c) For each person in excess of one **.20**
  - (d) For each bicycle or non-folding pram **.20**
- 4. MULTI-SEAT VEHICLES**

When used to carry more than 4 passengers or a greater amount of luggage than can be conveyed in a four-seater **Add one-half of the rates specified in 1 or 3(a) above**

**Note: When this charge is payable no further extra charges are applicable.**
- 5. CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIODS**

For the Christmas Period – 6 p.m. on 24 December until 7a.m. on 27 December **DoubleTariff 1**  
For the New Year Period – 6 p.m. on 31 December until 7.am. on 2 January
- 6. MULTI-SEAT VEHICLES – CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD**

When used to carry more than 4 passengers or a greater amount of luggage than can be carried in a four seater for the days and times set out in Paragraph 5 above **Double Tariff 1 plus 50%**
- 7. DAMAGE AND SOILAGE CHARGE**

The driver may recover costs under Section 65 of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 from the hirer who will be responsible for any damage to (or human discharge left in) the taxi, which has been caused by the action of the hirer or travelling companion(s), and the hirer will be liable to meet the full cost of restoration work required to make good the effects of the aforementioned damage and/or human discharge.
- 8. CARRIAGE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

(No extra charges for wheelchairs) **Fares as specified in 1,2 and 3 above**