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Dear Sir/Madam

At the Licensing Committee meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 Members agreed the following proposal put forward by the Hackney Chair for a fare increase.

increase in Tariff 1 and the minimum charge from £3 to £3.20 for the first 550 metres.  
Then for each additional 115 metres an extra 20p.  
Waiting time to go from 20p per 30 seconds to 20p per 28 seconds. Also a 7.1% increase to Tariff 2 at 1.5 times Tariff 1 and Tariff 3 to be twice tariff 1.

The amended tariff came into effect on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.

Prior to agreeing the proposal put forward by the Hackney Chair, Members at the meeting discussed various other methods and ways to increase fares that could assist the trade in unprecedented times. The conclusion of that discussion was that a consultation was required on a method to manage any future fuel emergency crises that adversely impacts the hackney trade.

Therefore the Hackney trade are invited to submit their comments and suggestions on this subject by 20<sup>th</sup> August 2022. A report summarising all the suggestions that may address the situation will be submitted to the Licensing Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for their consideration.

Kind Regards

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