

WEST BERKSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Proposed Fees

Start of Consultation

18 November 2021

Deadline date for responses

16 December 2021

Deadline time for responses

11:59

Details of consultation

In accordance with Section 70 (1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the Council is required to undertake a statutory 28 day consultation when variations to operators and vehicle licence fees are proposed.

The proposed fees for 2022/23 were discussed at the Joint Public Protection Committee meeting held on the [13th September 2021](#). The Joint Public Protection Committee (JPPC) is required by the Inter-Authority Agreement (IAA) that set up the Public Protection Partnership (PPP) shared service to recommend a draft set of fees and charges to each of the member Councils (Bracknell Forest, West Berkshire and Wokingham).

At the meeting of the Joint Public Protection Committee in December 2017 it was agreed that as a matter of principle that all fees and charges should be set on the basis of full cost recovery. For 2021/22 the full cost of the service, including internal support service re-charges and the current establishment lists were updated which resulted in a new rate of £59 p/h. It is proposed to maintain the hourly rate at £59p/h for 2022/23.

West Berkshire Council's Licensing Committee considered the draft fees at a meeting held on the [08 November 2021](#). It was noted at the Committee that there had been an overall reduction in the fees. This was due to the fact that the new IT system being implemented in the new year would allow for significant efficiencies to be made in some areas, and these efficiencies would be passed on to the trade. In addition Members of the taxi trade had fed back that they had concerns about the additional cost of mandatory safeguarding and disability training. This training would be delivered by Officers in the 2022/23 year and the cost would therefore be included in the annual fee.

The Committee agreed that the fees for Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles and Private Hire Operators are subjected to a twenty eight day statutory consultation period. **Our formal consultation period will run from the 18 November 2021 to the 16 December 2021.**

The proposed fees are set out below:

Hackney carriage vehicle new / renewal	£266.00/ £236.00
Private hire vehicle new / renewal	£266.00/ £236.00
Home to School vehicle new / renewal	£148.00
Private hire vehicle with dispensation / renewal	£266.00/ £236.00
Temporary Vehicle Licence (issued up to 3 months Maximum)	£236.00

Private hire operator licence		
Number of vehicles	New	Renewal
1	£443.00	£325.00
2	£516.00	£398.00
3	£590.00	£472.00
4	£664.00	£546.00
5	£738.00	£620.00
6	£811.00	£693.00
7	£885.00	£767.00
8	£959.00	£841.00
9	£1,033.00	£915.00
10	£1,106.00	£988.00
11	£1,180.00	£1,062.00
12	£1,254.00	£1,136.00
13	£1,328.00	£1,210.00
14	£1,401.00	£1,283.00
15	£1,475.00	£1,357.00
16	£1,549.00	£1,431.00
17	£1,623.00	£1,505.00
18	£1,696.00	£1,578.00
19	£1,770.00	£1,652.00
20	£1,844.00	£1,726.00
20+	£1,844.00	£1,726.00
Variation to licence	£59.00	£59.00

Any objections to the proposed fees should be submitted in writing to the undersigned by 16 December 2021. If no objections are received, or any such objections are subsequently withdrawn, the revised fees will come into operation for any licences commencing from 1 April 2022 onwards.

If objections are received and not withdrawn they will be considered by the Licensing Committee at the meeting on 31 January 2022 and any changes will be recommended to full Council for approval. Any variations to the fees will come into operation from 1 April 2022 onwards.

Who to Contact With Comments

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