

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL LICENSING COMMITTEE

Report of:	Chief Licensing Officer
Date:	8 th November 2012
Subject:	Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licensing
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	eport – Hackney Carriages Fares Review – Determination of Fees)
Category of Report:	OPEN

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LICENSING OFFICER (HEAD OF LICENSING) TO THE LICENSING COMMITTEE No: 88/12

Hackney Carriage Fares Review (Determination of Fares)

1.0 PURPOSE AND OUTCOMES

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for members to consider the fare structure and tariffs for hackney carriages licensed by the Council.
- 1.2 The outcomes of this report are to ensure that:-
 - The travelling public are presented with a clear fare structure when using licensed hackney carriages in the City;
 - Fares are set after giving due consideration to the views of all interested parties.

2.0 THE LAW

- 2.1 Section 60(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 "The City Council may fix rates or fares within the district as well for time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of the hackney carriages by means of a table made or varied in accordance with the provisions of this section".
- 2.2 There is no legal requirement that the Council must fix fares but it has long been the practice in Sheffield that it does so. Many of the current byelaws relating to Hackney Carriages are based on the fact that the Council does fix the maximum fares.
- 2.3 Section 60(2) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states;
 - (a) "When a district Council make or vary a table of fares they shall publish in at least one local newspaper circulating the district a notice setting out the table of fares or the variation thereof and specifying the period, which shall not be less than 14 days from the date of the first publication of the notice, within which objections to the table of fares or variation can be made.
 - (b) A copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall for a period of 14 days from the date of first publication thereof be deposited at the offices of the Council which published the notice, and shall be at reasonable hours be open to the public inspection without payment.
- 2.4 Section 60(3) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states;

"If no objection to a table of fares or variation is duly made within the period specified in the notice referred to in subsection (2) of this section, or if all objections so made are withdrawn, the table of fares or variations will come into operation on the date of the expiration of the period specified in the notice or the date of the withdrawal of the objection or, if more than one, of the last objection, which ever date is the later."

2.5 Section 60(4) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states;

"If an objection is duly made as aforesaid and is not withdrawn, the district council shall set a further date not later than two months after the first specified date, on which the table of fares shall come into force with or without modifications as decided by them after consideration of the objections."

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Chief Licensing Officer has received a formal request from the STTA for an increase of 10% this year. A copy of their request is attached at Appendix "A". The STTA are citing the current high fuel prices, increased insurance costs and general rises in the cost of living within the last 12 months.
- 3.2 Fares were last reviewed by the Council in October 2010. The fares table as agreed at that meeting has been in force since that date and is attached at Appendix "B". Along with supporting documents including the AA fuel price index.
- 3.3 The calculations for working out the fares are complex. Different examples will be available to view at the meeting by way of presentation by officers. The Licensing Section has formulated some examples of increases and these examples will be available to the meeting on a presentation by the Officer. This will allow for interactive debate where increases/decreases suggested may be calculated and the affects shown immediately to the meeting. The presentation will be available on request to officers after the meeting.
- 3.4 The Chief Licensing Officer has undertaken some initial calculations and the preferred option for an increase is attached at Appendix "C".

4.0 CHARGES FOR THE USE OF DEBIT / CREDIT CARDS

- 4.1 The use of credit and debit cards for payments by customers is becoming more common place every year. The tariff for the charge for the use of such cards was introduced over 2 years ago.
- 4.2 It is apparent that the take up by drivers is very low at present. It has been suggested in some quarters that the reason is the current 50p per transaction limit on the charge does not cover the cost of the rental or the equipment or the charges made to the drivers by the card companies.
- 4.3 The introduction of a percentage charge over the metered fare would cover this and the average charge is around 6% but to simplify the calculations Members may wish to implement a 5% or 10% charge on a Credit Card booking. Debit Card payments may have to remain as a cost to the driver it is the intention of the Government to rule out admin charges for the use of debit cards.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The Licensing Section has regular consultation meetings with all the current trades associations on a regular basis usually bi-monthly.
- 5.2 Representatives of the trade associations have been invited to attend this meeting.
- 5.3 If changes are made to the fares the Council has a legal obligation to advertise this to allow for objections to the changes. See section 2.4. This open meeting and the advertisement is the only Public/User consultation that takes place when these matters are discussed.
- 5.4 If objections were received the Council would have to reconvene the Licensing Sub Committee to consider the objection. See section 2.5 Any changes then would come into effect from a future date stated at the objection hearing.
- 5.6 Further consultation can be undertaken if members feel it would be beneficial.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no wider financial implications for the Council in this proposal except for the costs of advertising in the local press of any increase/decrease (previous cost approx £2700).

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 That members consider all the information provided in the report and that included in any attachments as well as any information that is supplied at the meeting before determining whether to amend the hackney carriage fares.
- 11.2 That members consider and approve the option detailed at Appendix "C".

12.0 OPTIONS OPEN TO THE BOARD

- 12.1 To authorise the Chief Licensing Officer and Head of Service to increase the fees as detailed in Appendix "C" and keep the remaining fares as they are currently.
- 12.2 To authorise the Chief Licensing Officer and Head of Service to increase the fares as may be agreed at the meeting or maintain them as they are with no increase.
- 12.3 To defer the decision to increase the fares for further consideration.

Stephen Lonnia Chief Licensing Officer & Head of Licensing Business Strategy & Regulation Place

November 2012

Appendix A

STTA FARES INCREASE REQUEST

Stephenson Clive (CEX)

From:

hafeas@aol.com

Sent:

03 October 2012 05:53

To:

Stephenson Clive (CEX)

Subject:

Re: Fares increase,.

Attachments: fuel september2010.pdf; Fuel september2011.pdf; Fuel september2012.pdf

Hi Clive

We last had a fare increase in October 2010, which was requested by the trade.

Leading upto October 2011 the trade decided not to request a fare increase after members consultation due to the economical situation, but the trade were feeling the huge pinch as fuel price increased by 21.70 pence per liter over the year (representing 15.62% increase) (from Sept. 2010 to Sept. 2011 AA fuel reports

From Sept. 2011 to Sept. 2012 fuel has increased by a further 5.20 pence per liter.(representing a 3.6% increase).

Since last fare increase the cost of fuel has gone up by 18.67%

Over the same period insurnace has gone up by over 60%

The current rate of inflation is at 2.50%.

Taxi drivers need to recover the burden of these inflation busting costs associated with the business. Please also note recently Council fees for Taxi badge and Vehicle license went up.

Taxi drivers have been exteremely patient and are only requesting an increase because it is needed to recover costs we have not gone mad like the bus and rail companies.

Taxis are value for money when you compare average taxi journey to bus fares (based on 5 people sharing a taxi).

Kind regards Hafeas

----Original Message----

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Stephenson Clive (CEX)

From:

hafeas@aol.com

Sent:

10 October 2012 04:40

Stephenson Clive (CEX)

Subject: Re: Fares increase,.

Hi Clive

Sorry forgot to inform you of the increase requested.

At the meeting we had earlier this year with our memebers two proposed figures were discussed 5 % and 10

Majority members requested for an increase by 10%.

We request that an increase of 10% is put before the Licensing Committee.

Hafeas

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----Original Message-----From: Stephenson Clive (CEX) <Clive.Stephenson@sheffield.gov.uk>

To: 'hafeas@aol.com' <hafeas@aol.com>

Appendix B

Current Fares Chart

TABLES OF FARES

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

FIRST 160 YARDS (146.3 metres).

DAY	(6.00 AM UNTIL 8.00 PM)	£2.60
NIGHT	(8.00 PM UNTIL 6.00 AM)	£3.10

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 Mile (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

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 when payment is made by debit or credit card where this facility is made available by the driver.

50p per transaction,
50p per transaction,

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 Private Hire & Taxi Licensing Section, Sheffield City Council, Town Hall, Sheffield, S1 2HH. Telephone 2734005.

Acting Head of Licensing (October 2010)





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Appendix C

Officers Fares Option

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CURRENT TARIFF

Name :	TARIFF 1		Name :	TARIFF 2
Date:	01/11/2010		Date:	01/11/2010
Soiling charge: Wait:		(secs)	Soiling charge: Wait:	£50.00 82 (secs)
Flag fall:	£2.60]A	Flag fall:	£3.10 A
Initial yardage:	160]в	Initial yardage:	160 B
Unit thereafter:	346]c	Unit thereafter:	346 C
Price unit :	0.3]D	Price unit :	0.3 D
Initial Waiting Ti	me (secs):	38	Initial Waiting Tir	ne (secs): 38

PROPOSAL - SEPTEMBER 2012

Name :	TARIFF 1	Name :	TARIFF 2
Soiling charge:	£50.00	Soiling charge:	£50.00
Wait:	82 (secs	Wait:	82 (secs)
Flag fall:	£2.80 A	Flag fall:	£3.30 A
Initial yardage:	220 B	Initial yardage:	220]B
Unit thereafter:	220 C	Unit thereafter:	220 C
Price unit :	0.2 D	Price unit :	0.2 D
Initial Waiting Tir	me (secs): 82	Initial Waiting Tîr	ne (secs): 82

Distance		TARIFF 1			TARIFF 2	
(miles)	Current	Proposed	% Change	Current	Proposed	% Change
Flag	£2.60	£2.80	7.69%	£3.10	£3.30	6.45%
1	£4.10	£4.20	2.44%	£4.60	£4.70	2.17%
2	£5.60	£5.80	3.57%	£6.10	£6.30	3.28%
3	£7.10	£7.40	4.23%	£7.60	£7.90	3.95%
4	£8.60	£9.00	4.65%	£9.10	£9.50	4.40%
5	£10.10	£10.60	4.95%	£10.60	£11.10	4.72%
6	£11.90	£12.20	2.52%	£12.40	£12.70	2.42%
7	£13.40	£13.80	2.99%	£13.90	£14.30	2.88%
8	£14.90	£15.40	3.36%	£15.40	£15.90	3.25%
9	£16.40	£17.00	3.66%	£16.90	£17.50	3.55%
10	£17.90	£18.60	3.91%	£18.40	£19.10	3.80%

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Fuel Price Report

September 2012



FUEL PRICE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2012

An unexpected end-of-summer surge in the price of petrol has seen the average UK pump price rise nearly 5p a litre since last month. Diesel has gone up nearly 4.5p. Heavy speculation in the oil and fuel stock markets has created the second price spike this year, although the fall in the oil price in recent days may signal another downturn in pump prices. Oil: \$109

Unleaded prices have risen by 4.7ppl from 135.5ppl to 140.2ppl. Diesel prices have risen by 4.2ppl from 140.4ppl to 144.6ppl. The price difference between unleaded and diesel has fallen to 4.4ppl.

Northern Ireland recorded the highest price for unleaded at 141.1ppl. London recorded the lowest price for unleaded at 139.8ppl. Scotland recorded the highest diesel price at 145.2ppl. Yorkshire and Humberside has the cheapest diesel at 144.1ppl.

Supermarket prices for **unleaded** rose by 5.2ppl to 138.2ppl. The gap between supermarket prices and the UK average for **unleaded** has fallen to 2.0ppl.

The UK has the eighth highest petrol price in Europe and the second highest diesel price.

Garages and Supermarkets	Unleaded 95 Octane (pence)		Diesel (name)		Super Untraded (pence)		LPG	
	litres	gallons)	(pence) litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	(pence) Litres	
Northern Ireland	141.1	641.5	145.0	659.18	148.5	675.1	79.9	
Scotland	140.3	637.8	145.2	660.09	146.8	667.4	69.8	
Wales	140.5	638.7	144.8	658.27	146.5	666.0	69.9	
North	140.1	636.9	144.8	658.27	147.9	672.4	72.9	
North West	140.3	637.8	144.3	656.00	148.6	675.5	70.6	
Yorkshire & Humberside	139.9	636.0	144.1	655.09	149.4	679.2	72.3	
West Midlands	140.3	637.8	144.7	657.82	149.1	677.8	72.9	
East Midlands	140.4	638.3	144.5	656.91	148.8	676.5	n/a	
East Anglia	140.2	637.4	144.6	657.36	147.3	669.6	71.9	
South East	140.3	637.8	144.8	658.27	147.4	670.1	75.3	
South West	140.4	638.3	144.8	658.27	146.6	666.5	76.9	
London	139.8	635.5	144.2	655.55	147.3	669.6	75.3	
UK AVERAGE	140.2	637.4	144.6	657.36	147.7	671.5	73.9	
Per cent taken as Tax		58.0		56.75		55.9		

Supermarkets SUPERMARKET	Unleaded 95 Octane litres (gallons)	Diesel litres (gallons)	Super unleaded litres (gallons)	LPG.
AVERAGE Per cent taken as Tax	138.2 628.3 58.6	142.9 657.4 56.75	143.4 651.9 57.1	70.6

The AA Public Affairs Fuel Price Report uses data sourced from Experian Catalist (www.catalist.com)
They are an average of mid-month prices from the respective regions.

Fuel Price Report

September 2011



FUEL PRICE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2011

Fuel prices have returned almost to where they were a month ago, after dipping 1.5p a litre by the end of August. A weaker pound, which has made the UK cost of dollar-priced oil and product more expensive, has stopped a lower oil price filtering through to the pumps. Oil barrel price \$111.5.

Unleaded prices have fallen by 0.1ppl from 135.7ppl to 135.6ppl. **Diesel** prices have fallen, by 0.3ppl, from 139.9ppl to 139.6ppl. The price difference between unleaded and diesel has fallen to 4.0ppl.

London recorded the highest price for unleaded at 136.2ppl. Yorkshire and Humberside recorded the lowest price for unleaded at 134.9ppl. Northern Ireland and Scotland recorded the highest diesel price at 140.1ppl. Yorkshire and Humberside have the cheapest diesel at 138.9ppl.

Supermarket prices for unleaded fell by 0.4ppl to 133.1ppl. The gap between supermarket prices and the UK average for unleaded has risen to 2.5ppl.

The UK has the eighth highest petrol price in Europe and the second highest diesel price.

Garages and Supermarkets Unleaded 95 Octane (penca)		Diesel (perce)		A CONTRACT OF THE PARTY OF THE	hiselet nce)	LPG (perse)	
	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	litres	(calons)	max
Northern Ireland	136.1	618.7	140.1	636.91	145.6	661.9	N/A
Scotland	135.4	615.5	140.1	636.91	142.0	645.5	74.5
Wales	135.8	617.4	139.8	635.54	141.6	643.7	71.6
North	135.1	614.2	139.4	633.72	144.7	657.8	72.9
North West	135.1	614.2	139.0	631.91	142.5	647.8	77.3
Yorkshire & Humberside	134.9	613.3	138.9	631.45	143.4	651.9	72.1
West Midlands	135.7	616.9	139.5	634.18	143.6	652.8	76.4
East Midlands	135.3	615.1	139.2	632.82	142.5	647.8	75.9
East Anglia	135.9	617.8	139.8	635.54	142.1	646.0	75.3
South East	136.0	618.3	140.0	636.45	142.6	648.3	76.8
South West	135.9	617.8	139.9	636.00	142.0	645.5	77.2
London	136.2	619.2	140.0	636.45	143.2	651.0	76.6
UK AVERAGE	135.6	616.4	139.6	634.63	142.7	648.7	75.9
Per cent taken as Tax		59.4		58.18		57.3	

Supermarkets	Unleaded 95 Octane	Diesei	Super unleaded LPG
	litres (gallons)	(galons)	iires (gallons) . Itres
SUPERMARKET			
AVERAGE	133.1 605.1	137.0 622.8	137.5 6251 71.0
Per cent taken as Tax	60.2	58.97	58.8

The AA Public Affairs Fuel Price Report uses data sourced from Experian Catalist (www.catalist.com)
They are an average of mid-month prices from the respective regions.

Fuel Price Report

September 2010



FUEL PRICE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2010

Petrol and diesel prices have fallen for the fourth month in a row, but an increase in wholesale prices threatens to put that in reverse. This would coincide with a 1p-a-litre increase in fuel duty on October 1 – at a time when petrol prices are already nearly 9p a litre dearer than a year ago. Barrel price is \$79.

Unleaded prices have fallen by 1.3ppl from 116.5ppl to 115.2ppl. Diesel prices have also fallen, by 1.2ppl, from 119.2ppl to 118.0ppl. The price difference between unleaded and diesel has risen to 2.8ppl.

London recorded the highest price for unleaded at 116.2ppl. Yorkshire and Humberside recorded the lowest price for unleaded at 114.2ppl. Northern Ireland and Wales recorded the highest diesel price at 118.7ppl. Yorkshire and Humberside have the cheapest diesel at 117.2ppl.

Supermarket prices for unleaded also fell over the month by 1.5ppl to 113.4ppl. The gap between supermarket prices and the UK average for unleaded has risen to 1.8ppl.

The UK has the twelfth highest unleaded price in Europe and the second highest diesel price.

Garages and Supermarkets	Unleaded 95 Octane (pence)		Diesel (pence)		Super Unleaded (pence)		LPG (pensa)
	ltres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	litres	(gallons)	Ares
Northern Ireland	115.9	526.9	118.7	539.62	124.7	566.9	60.4
Scotland	114.6	521.0	118.2	537.35	120.8	549.2	61.1
Wales	115.8	526.4	118.7	539.62	121.8	553.7	59.9
North	114.5	520.5	117.7	535.07	122.1	555.1	60.9
North West	114.4	520.1	117.7	535.07	122.5	556.9	58.8
Yorkshire & Humberside	114.2	519.2	117.2	532.80	121.6	552.8	61.8
West Midlands	115.0	522.8	117.7	535.07	123.2	560.1	66.3
East Midlands	115.2	523.7	117.8	535.53	123.3	560.5	63.4
East Anglia	115.7	526.0	118.3	537.80	123.2	560.1	64.2
South East	115.8	526.4	118.3	537.80	122.8	558.3	65.7
South West	115.7	526.0	118.5	538.71	122.6	557.4	63.6
London	116.2	528.3	118.4	538.26	123.2	560.1	66.2
UK AVERAGE	115.2	523.7	118.0	536.44	122.6	557.4	63.9
Per cent taken as Tax		64.5		63.36		61.5	

Supermarkets SUPERMARKET AVERAGE	Unleaded 95 Octane litres (gallons)	Diesel (gallons)	Super unleaded litres (gallons)	LPG littes
Per cent taken as Tax	65.3	64.28	63.2	

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They are an average of mid-month prices from the respective regions.

Details etxtracted from the Office of National Statistic Publication October 16th 2012

Table 27 RPI detailed annual average: 1989 to 2011 percentage change over 12 months

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9.3 15.4 12.8 11.2 14.6 8.9	4.3 4.4 4.4 4.3 3.2	2008 4.0 7.7 4.1 4.2 -0.4 2.8 -1.8 8.9 9.3 3.9 3.4 3.7
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CZCE	CZCD	CZCC	CZCB	CZCA	WSFV	CZBZ	CZBY	WSFU	CZBX	CZBW	WSFQ	CZBV	CZBU	CZBT	CZBS	CZBR	CBVL	CBVK	CBVJ	CBVI	CDIW	CDIV	CDIU	CDIT	WSFP	CDIS	CDIR	CDIQ	CDIP	CDIO	CDIN	WSFN	CDIM	
Take-aways and snacks	Canteen meals	Restaurant meals	Catering	Other foods	processed fruit	of which fresh fruit	Fruit	processed vegetables	of which fresh vegetables	Vegetables other than potatoes	potato products	of which unprocessed potatoes	Potatoes	Sweets and chocolates	Sugar and preserves	Soft drinks	Coffee and other hot drinks	Tea	Milk products	Milk, fresh	Eggs	Cheese	Oils and fats	Butter	processed fish	of which fresh fish	Fish	Other meat	Poultry	Bacon	Pork	imported lamb	of which home-killed lamb	
2.8	2.8	2.5	2.7	-0.5	-0.7	1.5	1.2	3.9	0.8	1.5	2.7	4.3	2.9	4.4	2.0	3.1	3.4	7.4	2.2	0.8	2.6	1.7	5.4	-0.6	5.2	6.8	6.1	1.5	-3.6	4.5	-0.2	-3.2	1.7	2006
3.4	4.6	3.0	3.3	1.7	0.7	1.9	1.7	9.8	11.1	10.8	6.4	9.9	7.4	4.3	4.2	3.8	4.3	2.4	4.7	9.1	17.9	2.7	4.4	9.5	4.8	8.4	6.6	1.8	3.6	2.5	0.4	0.6	0.8	2007
4.6	3.9	3.8	4.2	6.1	1.2	7.5	6.7	13.6	6.6	8.1	6.3	17.0	10.6	7.0	5.6	2.2	3.9	6.0	10.8	14.2	26.6	15.2	12.8	23.4	13.1	<u></u>	7.2	7.7	13.3	9.3	15.1	5.0	12.6	2008
3.1	2.1	2.6	2.7	ი 5	10.0	4.4	5.1	8.1	6.3	6.7	5.0	4.7	4.9	7.4	13.3	2.9	8.2	11.2	0.7	6.6	3.7	3.9	0.5	-1.9	12.2	-0.9	5.1	5.5	2.0	5.0	7.7	12.4	11.1	2009
2.5	2.6	3.6	3.1	1.2	88	7.8	8.0	<u>-</u> 0.1	3.2	2.5	2.5	0.8	1.9	6.1	1.3	6.3	0.7	12.8	-0.3	-0.9	3.5	1.9	2.6	14.2	3.3	8.2	6.1	1.2	1	-1.4	3.6	2.3	8.2	2010
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Petrol and diesel price review is launched by OFT

The UK petrol and diesel sector is being put under the microscope by the fair trading watchdog amid rising prices at the pumps.

The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) will spend six weeks gathering evidence about whether competition is being curtailed.

The watchdog will also consider whether falling costs of crude oil are reflected in prices paid by motorists.

It will publish its findings in January.

The OFT said that the UK retail road fuels sector was estimated to be worth about £32bn.

Petrol prices rose by 38% between June 2007 and June this year, and diesel prices went



r the same period.

In June, the government announced it would postpone its 3p-a-litre rise in fuel duty from August until January.

'Widespread concern'

The OFT said the review, which is not a full-scale investigation by the watchdog at this stage, would study whether the action of supermarkets and oil companies made it difficult for independent retailers to compete in the market.

The review would also look into whether there was a lack of competition at the pumps in rural areas.

"We are keenly aware of continuing widespread concern about the pump price of petrol and diesel and we have heard a number of different claims about how the market is operating," said Claire Hart, of the OFT.

"We have therefore decided to take a broad based look at this sector, to provide an opportunity for people to share their concerns and evidence with us.

"This will help us determine whether claims about competition problems are well-founded and whether any further action is warranted."

A significant chunk of the price paid by consumers on petrol is tax, which will not be covered by the review.

'Overdue

The Department for Transport has previously suggested that industry should come up with a voluntary code of conduct to ensure wholesale price falls were passed on within a fortnight to the motorist.

A spokesman for the department said: "We have had discussions with suppliers and retailers before and during the summer. Now the OFT has launched its own investigation it is right that we wait and see what that turns up.

"Many motorists are concerned about fuel prices and that when crude oil prices fall, this is not seen at the pump as quickly as consumers would like. We look forward with interest to the findings of the study."

Stephen Glaister, director of motorists' group, the RAC Foundation, said: "We have always argued for pricing transparency and this review promises to provide it. Now at last we should get a definitive answer on how the market works.

"We also welcome scrutiny of what the rapid decline in the number of petrol stations has meant for fuel supply and price. In 1990,

there were some 18,000 forecourts. Now there are fewer than 9,000."

Meanwhile Edmund King, the president of the AA motoring organisation welcomed the OFT's decision but said the move was "overdue".

The latest figures from Experian Catalist show that the average cost of a litre of unleaded was 138.99 pence on Tuesday. The average price of a litre of diesel was 143.52 pence.

Earlier this year, the Retail Motor Industry Federation raised concerns with the OFT about the ability of independent traders to compete in the market.

Similar concerns about prices at the pumps have led to investigations from regulators in Germany, Spain and Australia.

Meanwhile, motorists in the UK have been warned to check online MOT certificates when buying a car, rather than looking at a printed out version.

The Trading Standards Institute said that the paper documents could easily be altered by fraudulent sellers.

It urged motorists to check the actual record and full details on the VOSA website, accessed through Directgov.

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74	KNOWSLEY	£2.00	£3.20	£4.40	£8.80	00.713	£1.61	£2.25	£3.75	£5.25	£10.75	£21.00
75	PENDLE	£3.00	£3.00	£4.40	£8.60	£15.60	€1.40	£3.50	£3.50	£5.00	£9.50	£17.00
76	SOUNTE TO SERVE THE SERVE	62.0 0	£3:00	61.70	E31(j)	8/16/70	67/3	(Sere)	£3.80	£5.60	210.60	E 9 20
77	ST. HELENS	£1.40	£2.80	£4.40	£9.20	£17.20	£1.61	£1.50	£3.30	£5.40	£11.90	£22.60
78	MIDDLESBROUGH	£2.80	£2.80	£4.30	£8.80	£16.30	£1.50	£2.80	£2.80	£4.30	£8.80	£16.30
79	NEWCASTLE-U-LYME	£2.20	£2.90	£4.20	£8.00	£14.30	£1.26	£3.00	£4.05	£5.70	£10.65	£18.90
80	WEST LANCASHIRE	£2.30	£3.00	£4.20	£7.90	£13.90	£1.21	£2.90	£3.74	£5.18	£9.62	£13.90
81	HARTLEPOOL	£2.00	£2.80	£3.60	£6.10	£10.30	£0.84	£2.00	£3.30	£4.80	£9.20	£16.50
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