

Appendix B

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Fuel Prices
Date: 30 June 2022 13:19:35

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Hi Clive,

From January 2022 £1.40 per litre to now 30th June £2 per litre it is, so that's approximately 60p increase per litre.

Black cabs are very bad in consuming diesel and not very efficient at all, very poor, 23 to 25 miles per gallon.

Overall other costs associated have gone up in relation to repair / service garage costs, tyres, car wash £8.

Cost of living you are aware anyways eg gas, electric, food, etc.

What I propose is as follows:

Flat rate on every fare:

50p on every job up to £10/ £12

£1 on every job from £10 to £12 onward,

The longer the job the more the vehicle burns diesel.

Vast majority of the jobs are locally based in average area around £10 to £12, so we need to tackle this and be balanced and fair on the paying customer.

Furthermore this surcharge is additional charge on current fare, so we should not be asked to chip our taxi meter, to avoid additional costs £25 tariff change, a simple notice displayed in partition area in writing to inform customer.

I hope you will understand our needs.

Please advise me of the process and way forward to get this done ASAP.

You consulting anyone else?

Ibrar Hussain

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: SURCHARGE
Date: 01 July 2022 22:27:58

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To, Clair Bowers (Intrim Head of Sheffield Licensing).

Following on from your email RE: SURCHARGE, we the GMB UNION-S75 Branch Sheffield FULLY SUPPORT our members/colleagues in, for the 'SURCHARGE'.

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Therefore to support our colleagues, in a temporary measure, WE the GMB propose the following, that there should be a 'FLAT SURCHARGE', in two parts as follows:

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eg: £4.20 + 50p surcharge = £4.70.
eg: £9.70 + 50p surcharge = £10.20.

1.1- this flat rate to be applied at anytime (24/7).

2- Any fare £10 or ABOVE a surcharge of £1 should be applied.

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eg: £18.70 + £1 surcharge = £19.70.

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We feel that this proposal is very FAIR & PROPORTIONATE in terms of a percentage rise.

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Kind Regards

Mr Tariq Mahmood Nazir, (Senior Representative of GMB-S75 Branch).

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date: 05 July 2022 09:11:21

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Mr R m Imran
Licence No: 284

Hackney Carriage Fuel Surcharge Proposal

Following on from the cost of living crisis, which is affecting everyone, STTA conducted a survey of Hackney Carriage drivers in Sheffield. The purpose of the survey was to ascertain how this has affected their livelihood.

One thing that came to prominence was the cost of fuel which has increased by over 32% since the beginning of February.

Diesel	01/02/2022
UK average	149.99

Diesel	01/07/2022	Change
UK average	199.05	49.06 32.70%

Data from RAC site

This is the biggest annual increase in records dating back to 1989.

Fuel prices in the UK have reached record highs in 2022, with the average price of diesel now averaging at 199.05

Last week, the Bank of England said the CPI measure of inflation was on track to reach 11% later this year amid soaring gas and electricity prices.

With the average cost of maintaining a Hackney Carriage Vehicle at around £350/month, the increase in inflation will add a minimum of £38.50 per month to the maintenance costs, this equates to £8.89/week.

Fuel tank size for a Black Cab (TX4) is 52 liters. The cost of filling up has increased by £25.51. The increase in fuel & maintenance is making the job untenable for drivers.

STTA conducted the survey in order to ascertain how drivers are coping. It was clear, please see below, that a temporary increase in fares is desperately required for the drivers.

Sheffield Taxi Trade Association

200 Responses 01:14 Average time to complete

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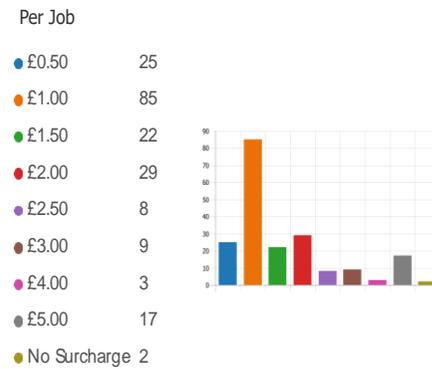
1. Hackney Carriage License Number



2. Do you agree with the idea that there should be a taxi fare surcharge to help alleviate the cost of fuel?



3. What level of surcharge would you suggest to the current fare to help towards the cost of increasing fuel prices?



SUMMARY

An overwhelming 99% agreed that there should be a temporary increase.

Out of 200 responses, 42.5% of drivers have requested a £1 increase to fares to help towards increased fuel cost.

Due to survey size limitations, we could only survey 200 drivers, there were other drivers who could not access the survey but have vocally expressed that a temporary increase is required.

PROPOSAL

We are proposing an additional fuel surcharge of £1 to be added to fares until the cost of fuel recedes.

This is in line with what the drivers have requested in our survey.

We feel this is also fair on the public, as they fully understand the cost of fuel has increased exponentially, the recent fare increase (of around 11%) that was awarded to taxi drivers has been cancelled out by the increase in cost of fuel alone.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Clive Stevenson for liaising with us on this very important issue since May 2022.