

Briefing note – Taxi tariffs

The table below provides example fare costs for various “typical” Exeter Journeys.

Fare calculation for Exeter						park & ride	Airport	Crediton
			first mile	per mile thereafter	2 miles	3 miles	5 miles	8.5 miles
Exeter current	£2.20 & 80yds		£4.30	£2.20	£6.50	£8.70	£13.10	£20.80
Exeter Current night time	£2.70 & 62.8yds		£5.40	£2.80	£8.21	£11.01	£16.61	£26.42
Exeter taxi request	£2.70 & 80yds	2.7	£4.80	£2.20	£7.00	£9.20	£13.60	£21.30
Exeter taxi request	£3.20 & 62.8yds	3.2	£5.90	£2.80	£8.71	£11.51	£17.11	£26.92
Revised income changed flagdrop								
	£2.70	82 yds	£4.74	£2.14	£6.88	£9.01	£13.29	£20.78
	£3.20	66 yds	£5.77	£2.67	£8.45	£11.12	£16.46	£25.82
With 50% dead mileage								
Revised income changed flagdrop								
	£2.70	72 yds	£5.06	£2.46	£7.52	£9.98	£14.90	£23.51
	£3.20	57 yds	£6.18	£3.08	£9.25	£12.33	£18.48	£29.24

The orange highlighted figures are those requested by the Taxi trade. The green highlighted figures are those produced by the fare setting formula spreadsheet. The table highlighted in blue illustrates the same fees using a 50% dead mileage rather than the recommended 45%. The blue figures are the suggested fares to be adopted.

At the moment the tariffs charged by other Councils (at the 2 mile point) are as follows;

Council	2 mile Tariff	Position in National League Table
North Devon	£7.30	47 – Increase in 2022
East Devon	£7.15	61 – Increase in 2022
South Hams	£6.66	125 – Increase in 2022
Teignbridge	£6.60	144 – Increase in 2020
Plymouth	£6.60	139 – Increase in 2022
Bristol	£6.40	160 – Increase in 2013
Mid Devon	£6.80	100 – Increase in 2021

Using the above examples for Exeter City. If the orange proposal was implemented as requested by the Exeter trade then the 2 mile fare as £7 would be the second highest when compared to our regional partners and 72nd in the national fare tables.

If the green fare proposal was adopted then the 2 mile fare would be £6.88 and the third highest within our region and 88th in the national fare table.

If the blue fare proposal was adopted then the 2 mile fare would be £7.52 and the highest in our region. This proposal would place us 37th in the national fare table.

The agreement of a fare setting formula would ensure that the Exeter City taxi tariffs can be reviewed annually to ensure that the tariffs are fair to both drivers' and the fare paying public.

The Procedure

In accordance with the legislative requirements, once the proposed fees have been agreed by all parties and have been to Committee. Then the following process must be followed.

1. A notice must be displayed in a local newspaper, stating the proposed fees.
2. The notice to specify a date, not less than 14 days from the date of publication, the date has two functions;
 - (a) It is the date by which any objections must be lodged; and
 - (b) It is the date on which the revised fees will come into effect if either-
 - (i) no objections are received; or
 - (ii) any objections received have been withdrawn by that specified date.
3. It must also state where objections should be addressed, and how they can be made.
4. A copy of the notice must be available at the council offices for inspection, free of charge at all reasonable times.
5. Once the objection period (usually 28 days) has expired, if there have been no objections received or those that have been received have subsequently been withdrawn, then the fees take effect, either at the end of the objection period, or when the last objection is withdrawn.
6. If objections are made and not withdrawn, then the council must consider the objections.
7. In the light of objections (although they must be considered, the council does not have to vary the proposals as a result of them) the council then sets a second date, which cannot be more than 2 months after the first date specified, when the new fares will come into force.