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Dear Drivers and Operators

### TAXI TARIFF

The licensing team have received approval from Councillors to survey the taxi trade regarding an increase to the current taxi tariff. We are aware that you are all under pressure both from the increase in fuel charges as well as general cost of living increases. However, we need to be able to strike a balance which will allow you to earn more money whilst at the same time ensuring that we don't make the cost of hiring taxis so exorbitant that members of the public can't afford to use them.

We would therefore firstly like to know if you support an increase in the tariff. Can you therefore indicate that:

	Please tick
A. You support an increase in the tariff	
Or	
B. You think the tariff should stay as it is	

If you do support an increase, we have calculated some proposed fares for you to select which option you prefer as shown below. For information the current tariff has a flag of £3.00 and the 2 mile fare is £6.80

	Flag	Fare at 2 miles	Please tick
<b>Option 1</b>	£3.20	£7.80	
<b>Option 2</b>	£3.20	£7.60	
<b>Option 3</b>	£3.20	£7.40	
<b>Option 4</b>	£3.20	£7.20	

<b>Option 5</b>	£3.40	£7.80	
<b>Option 6</b>	£3.40	£7.60	
<b>Option 7</b>	£3.40	£7.40	
<b>Option 8</b>	£3.40	£7.20	

We also intend to introduce double time for Sundays as this is missing from the current tariff.

To respond you can either post this newsletter back to us at the address above, you can email a response to us at [TaxiFares@swale.gov.uk](mailto:TaxiFares@swale.gov.uk) or you can complete your response using Survey Monkey with the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XZ6BWYN>

You are also invited to give us any other comments that you may wish to make.

The consultation will end on **FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2022** and we hope that you take the time to let us have your thoughts on this matter.

Finally, a last reminder that the Taxi Policy consultation ends on **27<sup>th</sup> May** – this is your last chance to have your say. You can do so online at <https://swale.gov.uk/news-and-your-council/consultations/draft-taxi-licensing-policy> or email [TaxiPolicy@swale.gov.uk](mailto:TaxiPolicy@swale.gov.uk)

Kind regards, Licensing Team