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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-251, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1. Are taxi fares set by the Council inclusive of VAT and if so does the Council possess any documentary evidence proving that its fares have been calculated to be inclusive of VAT?
2. A breakdown of the total amount of Hackney Carriage vehicles licensed by the Council on a per calendar year basis from 2012 to 2022.
3. A breakdown of the total amount of licensed Hackney Carriage taxi drivers per calendar year from 2012 to 2022.

Response:

1. Whilst our tariff of maximum permitted charges does not specifically state that VAT is included, we can confirm that VAT is included, as in accordance with HMRC rules, taxi metered fares are vatable at the standard rate.
2. It is not possible to provide exact figures for previous years due to the live nature of the database we use, however, the number of hackney carriages is currently 103 (October 2023) down from approximately 120 in 2012.
3. The council does not issue HC only driver licences, it issues joint HC and PH badges and PH only badges. It is not possible to provide exact figures for previous years due to the live nature of the database we use, however, the number of drivers holding joint HC/PH badges is currently 152 (October 2023) down from approximately 178 in 2012.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-251.

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

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