

Report

Report to:	Licensing Committee
Date of Meeting:	24 September 2019
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As Amended) - Licensing of Taxis – Review of Taxi Fares
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ to progress the fares review in the Clydesdale, East Kilbride, Hamilton and Cambuslang and Rutherglen zones of South Lanarkshire

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that, the review procedure for the East Kilbride, Hamilton and Cambuslang and Rutherglen zones be commenced on the basis that there should be no increase in the current fares tariff and the tariff should remain unchanged; and
- (2) that, the review procedure for the Clydesdale zone be progressed with an increase of 60 pence over a two mile hire.

3. Background

- 3.1. In terms of Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended) by Section 174 of the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2010 Licensing Authorities must review taxi fares in their area every 18 months.
- 3.2. At its meeting held on 27 June 2013, the Licensing Committee agreed to calculate all future increases based on an agreed formula.

4. Present Position

- 4.1. East Kilbride taxi trade has indicated that this year they do not propose to seek an increase to the current fares tariff as per Appendix 1.
- 4.2. All Hamilton operators were written to although only a few operators have responded. One operator has requested an additional 10 pence be added to the running mile and the other eight operators who responded indicated that no fares increase is being requested. The fares tariff would therefore remain as per Appendix 1.
- 4.3. All Cambuslang and Rutherglen operators were written to although only one operator has responded who indicated that no fares increase is being requested. The fares tariff would therefore remain as per Appendix 1.

- 4.4. All Clydesdale operators were written to with a response being received from one operator who holds 29 of the current 85 taxi licences indicating that he would like an increase of 60 pence over a two mile hire. There has not been a fares increase in the Clydesdale zone since 2012. The current and proposed fares tariff are detailed in Appendix 2.
- 4.5. As members will be aware, even if there is no increase in the fares tariff, the formal review procedures require to be commenced.
- 5. Employee Implications**
- 5.1. None.
- 6. Financial Implications**
- 6.1. None.
- 7. Other Implications**
- 7.1. The risk to the Council is that it fails to fulfil its duty to protect the public.
- 7.2. There are no apparent implications in terms of sustainability.
- 8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
- 8.1. There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 8.2. Consultation with the taxi trade has been carried out to ascertain views on whether or not they are seeking an increase in taxi fares this year.

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5 September 2019

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Make communities safer, stronger and sustainable

Previous References

- ◆ Licensing Committee, 30 October 2018

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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Current Fares Tariffs

East Kilbride Zone
<p>not exceeding 880 yards £2.90</p> <p>for the next NINE additional 293 yards or any part 30 pence</p> <p>thereafter each additional 264 yards or any part 20 pence</p> <p>(an average 2 mile hire of £5.60)</p>

Hamilton Zone
<p>not exceeding 880 yards £2.80</p> <p>each additional 220 yards or any part 20 pence</p> <p>(an average 2 mile hire of £5.20)</p>

Cambuslang and Rutherglen Zone
<p>not exceeding 880 yards £2.90</p> <p>for the next NINE additional 293 yards or any part 30 pence</p> <p>thereafter each additional 264 yards or any part 20 pence</p> <p>(an average 2 mile hire of £5.60)</p>

Appendix 2

Current Fares Tariff
Clydesdale Zone
<p>not exceeding one mile £3.00</p> <p>for EACH additional 88 yards or any part thereof 10 pence</p> <p>(an average 2 mile hire of £5.00)</p>

Proposed Fares Tariff
Clydesdale Zone
<p>not exceeding one mile £3.60</p> <p>for EACH additional 88 yards or any part thereof 10 pence</p> <p>(an average 2 mile hire of £5.60)</p>