

Report

Report to:	Licensing Committee
Date of Meeting:	3 December 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:-

- ◆ further progress the fares review process in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen, Clydesdale, East Kilbride and Hamilton zones of South Lanarkshire

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that, on the basis that no objections or representations had been received following press and website adverts, there be no increase in the fares tariffs for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen, East Kilbride and Hamilton zones; and
- (2) that, on the basis that no objections or representations had been received following press and website adverts, there be an increase of 30 pence over the two mile hire in the Clydesdale zone.

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.
- 3.3. As members will be aware, even if there is no increase in the fares tariff, the formal review procedures require to be commenced.

4. Present Position

- 4.1. At its meeting on 24 September 2019 this Committee agreed that, subject to any representations received, the fares review for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen, East Kilbride and Hamilton zones would take place on the basis that there would be no increase in the current tariffs. The current tariffs are shown in Appendix 1.
- 4.2. It was also agreed that, subject to any representations received, the fares review for the Clydesdale zone would take place on the basis that there would be an increase of 30 pence over the two mile hire. The current and proposed tariffs are shown in Appendix 2.

- 4.3. The proposed Cambuslang and Rutherglen, Clydesdale, East Kilbride and Hamilton fares reviews have been advertised in the press and on the Council's website in accordance with the legislation and no responses were received.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. None.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The cost of Appeal to the Traffic Commissioner if the decision of the Council is appealed.

7. Other Implications (Including Environmental and Risk Issues)

- 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 was initially carried out with the taxi trade to ascertain views on whether or not they are seeking an increase in taxi fares this year. Adverts were then placed in the press and on the Council's website outlining the proposals for each of the zones giving a period of one month to enable anyone to comment on or object to the proposed changes to the fares tariffs.

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8 November 2019

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Make communities safer, stronger and sustainable

Previous References

- ◆ Licensing Committee, 24 September 2019

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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Current Fares Tariffs

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>

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>

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 £3.30</p> <p>for EACH additional 88 yards or any part thereof 10 pence</p> <p>(an average 2 mile hire of £5.30)</p>