

# Report

Report to:	<b>Licensing Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>30 March 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (As Amended) - Licensing of Taxis – Review of Taxi Fares</b>
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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, Clydesdale, East Kilbride and Hamilton zones.

## 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 15 December 2020 this Committee agreed that, subject to any representations received, the fares review for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen, Clydesdale, 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. 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. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 7.1. No assessment of the impact on the environment has been made as the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended) does not allow us to take this into account when determining applications and therefore we would not propose to take this into account in dealing with the statutory review of taxi fares.

## **8. Other Implications**

- 8.1. The risk to the Council is that it fails to fulfil its duty to protect the public.

## **9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 9.1. There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposals contained within this report.
- 9.2. 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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**Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

23 February 2021

## **Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives**

- ◆ Make communities safer, stronger and sustainable

## **Previous References**

- ◆ Licensing Committee, 15 December 2020

## **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

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>

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>