

Report

Report to:	Licensing Committee
Date of Meeting:	25 February 2020
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 Clydesdale zone 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 consultation with the Clydesdale Community Councils, 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 taxi fares increases based on an agreed formula.

4. Present Position

4.1. At its meeting on 3 December 2019 the Committee agreed that, consultation should take place with the Clydesdale Community Councils with regard to the proposed increase of 30 pence over the two mile hire. The current and proposed tariffs are shown in Appendix 1.

4.2. One response has been received from the Royal Burgh of Lanark Community Council advising that they agree with the proposed increase of 30 pence over the two mile hire.

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. This report is an outcome of our statutory duty under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (as amended) therefore no impact assessment has been made.

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. No adverse comments were received.

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Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

10 February 2020

Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Make communities safer, stronger and sustainable

Previous References

- ◆ Licensing Committee, 3 December 2019

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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

Proposed Fares Tariff
Clydesdale Zone
not exceeding one mile £3.30 for EACH additional 88 yards or any part thereof 10 pence (an average 2 mile hire of £5.30)