

Report

Report to:	Licensing Committee
Date of Meeting:	22 May 2018
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:-

- ♦ progress the fares review in the East Kilbride, Hamilton and Clydesdale zones of South Lanarkshire
- ♦ update Committee on the position of the fares review in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen zone 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 Clydesdale 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 Cambuslang and Rutherglen zone be further progressed.

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, however, only a few operators have responded, who have indicated that no fares increase is being requested. The fares tariff would, therefore, remain unchanged as per Appendix 1.
- 4.3. Clydesdale operators have been written to twice and no responses have been received to date so it is assumed that they are not seeking a fares increase at this time and the fares tariff will remain unchanged as per Appendix 1.
- 4.4. As members will be aware, even if there is no increase in the fares tariff, the formal review procedures require to be commenced.

- 4.5. A few operators in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen zone are seeking an increase of varying amounts. A further report on this matter will be prepared for consideration once the appropriate figures are available.

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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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ♦ Make communities safer, stronger and sustainable

Previous References

- ♦ Licensing Committee, 11 April 2017

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 £2.80</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 £5.50)</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>

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>