

# Report

Report to:	<b>Licensing Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>21 August 2018</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 East Kilbride 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 request from East Kilbride T.O.A. to increase the fares in the East Kilbride zone based on the formula and rounded up, as detailed in the report, be approved; and
- (2) that the request from Cambuslang and Rutherglen trade to increase the fares in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen zone based on the formula and rounded up, as detailed in the report, be approved.

## 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. Current Position

### 4.1. East Kilbride Zone

At its meeting on 22 May 2018 the Committee agreed that, subject to any representations received, the fares review for the Clydesdale, Hamilton and East Kilbride zones would take place on the basis that there would be no increase in the current tariff. However, during the consultation period East Kilbride T.O.A. have requested a fares increase based on the formula.

- 4.2. The proposed increase is calculated at 4 pence on the running mile which taken over the two mile hire would be 8 pence rounded up to 10 pence as shown at Appendix 1.

#### **4.3. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Zone**

There have been requests for fares increases for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen zone. The requests are as follows:-

- (a) Using the formula based on the running mile calculated at £1.40 would result in an increase of 4 pence per running mile which over the two mile hire would be 8 pence rounded up to 10 pence. Proposed increase shown at Appendix 2.
- (b) £2.80 charge for first 880 yards but thereafter the charge of 30 pence every 293 yards is retained rather than dropping to 20 pence after the first 264 yards. Proposed increase shown at Appendix 2.
- (c) 2 mile hire is £6.00 starting at £3.20 with running mile increase at £1.60 as shown at Appendix 2.

#### **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**

- 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. An advert has been placed in the press for a period of one month to enable anyone who is a member or representative of the trade to comment on or object to the proposed changes to the fares tariff in respect of the East Kilbride zone. The only representation lodged was by the East Kilbride Taxi Owners' Association requesting a fares increase based on the formula. They had previously indicated that they did not require an increase.
- 8.3. The fares review for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen zone will be advertised in the press for a period of one month to enable anyone to comment on or object to the proposed changes to the fares tariff.

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1 August 2018

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

- ♦ Make communities safer, stronger and sustainable

**Previous References**

- ◆ Licensing Committee, 22 May 2018

**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 Tariff**

<b>East Kilbride Zone</b>
not exceeding 880 yards £2.80 for the next nine additional 293 yards or any part 30 pence thereafter each additional 264 yards or any part 20 pence (an average 2 mile hire of £5.50)

**Proposed Tariff**

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

**Current Fares Tariff**

<b>Cambuslang and Rutherglen Zone</b>
<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>

**Proposed Fares Tariffs**

<b>Cambuslang and Rutherglen Zone Proposal (a)</b>
<p>not exceeding 880 yards £2.90 for the next nine additional yards or any part 30 pence.</p> <p>Thereafter each additional 164 yards or any part 20 pence</p> <p>(an average 2 mile hire of £5.60)</p>

<b>Cambuslang and Rutherglen Zone Proposal (b)</b>
<p>not exceeding 880 yards £2.80 for next nine 293 additional yards or 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> <p>Although there is no change to the 2 mile hire thereafter cost would rise from £1.33 per mile to £2 per mile</p>

<b>Cambuslang and Rutherglen Zone Proposal (c)</b>
<p>not exceeding 880 yards £3.20</p> <p>for next 293 additional 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 £6.00)</p> <p>Looking for running mile to be taken as £1.60 which would be an additional 10 pence over the 2 mile hire</p>