

Report

Report to:	Licensing Committee
Date of Meeting:	7 August 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:-

- ◆ further progress the fares review process in the Clydesdale 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, there be no increase in the fares tariff for the Clydesdale 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 22 May 2018, the Licensing Committee agreed that, subject to any representations received, the fares review for the Clydesdale and Hamilton zones would take place on the basis that there would be no increase in the current tariff. The current tariff is shown in Appendix 1.

4.2. The proposed Clydesdale and Hamilton fares reviews have been advertised in the press 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

- 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. Adverts have been placed in the press for a period of 28 days 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)

18 July 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

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)

Hamilton Zone
not exceeding 880 yards £2.80 for each additional 220 yards or any part thereof 20 pence (an average 2 mile hire of £5.20)