

Report

Report to:	Licensing Committee
Date of Meeting:	21 September 2011
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licensing of Taxis – Review of Taxi Fares
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1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise on action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c) in view of the requirement to progress the fares review in the Rutherglen and Cambuslang zone within the required timescales by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to amend the fares increase approved by the Licensing Committee on 24 August 2011.

2 Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the following action taken, in terms of Standing Order No 36(c), by the Executive Director (Corporate Resources), in consultation with the Chair and an ex officio member, to agree that the fares review be progressed in the Rutherglen and Cambuslang zone in line with the request from the Rutherglen and Cambuslang trade for the new two mile fare of £4.80, be noted.

3 Background

3.1 In terms of Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Council must review taxi fares every 18 months. The previous review took effect from mid 2010.

3.2 At its meeting on 24 August 2011, the Licensing Committee agreed that the fares review in the Rutherglen and Cambuslang zone be progressed in line with the proposals detailed in an appendix to the report. However, in view of the fact that the wrong figure was reported at the previous Committee, the Chair, in terms of Standing Order No 17, agreed that further consideration be given to the request from the Rutherglen and Cambuslang trade.

3.3 It was proposed that the increased fare over the 2 mile hire for the Rutherglen and Cambuslang zone should be £4.80 and not £4.60 as agreed at the Licensing Committee on 24 August 2011.

4 Employee Implications

4.1 None.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 None.

6 Other Implications

- 6.1 The risk to the Council is that it fails to fulfil its duty to protect the public. There are no apparent implications in terms of sustainable development.

7 Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 7.1 There is no requirement to carry out an impact assessment in terms of the proposal contained within this report.
- 7.2 No consultation was required in relation to the proposal contained within this report. However, it should be noted that consultation with the taxi trade was initially carried out to ascertain the amount of increase they would wish.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

5 September 2011

Link(s) to Council Objectives/Improvement Themes/Values

- ◆ Improve Community Safety

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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