

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

TAXI FARE SCALE REVIEW

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**3.0 DETAIL**

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1. To propose that there be no change to the existing scales and that this take effect from 22 October 2020;
  2. To authorise the Head of Legal and Regulatory Support to advertise this proposal and to invite any responses within one month of the advertisement and report back to Members at their meeting on 19 August 2020; and
  3. Should no objections or representations be received in relation to the proposal, to delegate to the Head of Legal and Regulatory Support, in consultation with the Chair of the PPSL Committee to conclude the review without the requirement for the Committee to consider a further report on the review:-
- 3.2 Following the Committee's decision on 17 June 2020 adverts were placed in local newspapers week commencing 22 June 2020 proposing that there be no changes to the existing fares. In terms of this any representations had to be made by 3 August 2020.

- 3.3 As no representations were received by that date the Head of Legal and Regulatory Support in consultation with the Chair of PPSL agreed that no changes to the fares take place.
- 3.4 All operators were notified by letter on 12 August 2020 of the decision and were provided with a new tariff card. They were advised they had 14 days to appeal against the scales to the Traffic Commissioner for Scotland.
- 3.5 The Traffic Commissioner for Scotland were contacted and confirmed on 28 August 2020 that no appeal had been received.
- 3.6 Adverts were placed week commencing 7 September 2020 in the local press confirming that no change to the existing scales and that this takes effect on 22 October 2020 as required in terms of section 18A of the Act.

#### **4.0 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The review of the taxi fares has now been completed. The next review will require to be concluded within 18 months of 22 October 2020 in terms of section 18 of the Act.

#### **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Policy – None
- 5.2 Financial – None
- 5.3 Legal – The Council require to review taxi fares in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
- 5.4 HR – None
- 5.5 Equalities/Fairer Scotland Duty – It is not anticipated that any of the recommendations in this report will have a potential negative impact on any particular group or discriminate on the basis of age, disability, gender, race, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity or religion and belief.
- 5.6 Socio – economic Duty - None
- 5.7 Risk – None
- 5.8 Islands - None
- 5.9 Community Services - None

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