
CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982**TAXI FARE SCALE REVIEW**

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3 DETAIL

- 3.1** Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 states that “the licensing authority must fix scales for the fares and other charges within 18 months beginning with the date on which the scales came into effect”. In terms of the last review the fares came into force on 22nd October 2020. The next fares scale will need to come into force in April 2022. Therefore the review process would require to commence in October 2021.
- 3.2** The current fares are:
Tariff 1 £3.00
Tariff 2 £3.60
Tariff 3 £4.20

Charges in respect of soiling, waiting and telephone bookings remain as £100 (maximum), 35p per minute and 30p respectively;

No changes were implemented to the yardage distances which are currently based on an initial charge as follows:-

Tariff 1 - 860yds and a subsequent charge of 20p for each additional 176 yards

Tariff 2 - 860yds and a subsequent charge of 20p for each additional 150 yards.

Tariff 3 - 860yds and a subsequent charge of 20p for each additional 120 yards.

These fares were originally fixed from 9th June 2014. Following the conclusion of the last 4 reviews of taxi fares held in 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2020 it was agreed that there would be no increase in the maximum taxi fares. As previously stated the most recent taxi fare scales took effect from 22nd October 2020.

- 3.3** In terms of Section 17 of the Act in carrying out a review of taxi fares, the licensing authority must –
- a) Consult with persons or organisations appearing to it to be, or to be representative of, the operators of taxis operating within its area.
 - b) Following the consultation –
 - (i) Review the existing scales
 - (ii) Propose new scales (whether at altered rates or the same rates).

- 3.4** The Act does not stipulate how the consultation should be effected.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1** Members are invited to agree that;

- A)** The next taxi fare review should commence in order that it can be completed within 18 months as required by the 1982 Act.

and

- B)** Agree that the consultation required in terms of the Act will be in writing.

5 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 – None

5.6 Risk – None

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