

17th November 2010

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

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1** In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, Section 17, the Local Authority requires to fix maximum fares and other charges in connection with the hire of taxis operating in their area and to review the scales for taxi fares and other charges on a regular basis.
- 1.2** The Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee at their meeting on 20 January 2010 decided to keep the fares at the existing level with a further review to take place in January 2011.
- 1.3** The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee regarding the commencement of these procedures for the review.

2. ARRANGEMENTS FOR TAXI FARE SCALE REVIEW

- 2.1** The proposed review of fares has already been advertised in the press and an opportunity has been given for representations to be submitted.
- 2.2** Consultation requires to be carried out with taxi associations in Argyll and Bute before the Committee takes a decision on the review.

3. ACTION

- 3.1** Notice of the proposed review was advertised in the local press in late October early November 2010. All Taxi Operators within the local area have been notified in writing of the forthcoming review and they and their representatives have been invited to make written representations by 6 December 2010

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1** It is recommended that a report be submitted to this Committee on either 19 January 2011 or 16 February 2011, for a decision on what the fare scale will be from 21 February 2011.

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