

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

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** The Planning, Protective Services and Licensing Committee at their meeting on 19th January 2011 agreed to increase the tariffs with effect from 21st February 2011 following the recent taxi fare scale review.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1** The Committee are asked to note the position regarding the prospective appeal and the implementation of the new taxi fare scales agreed at their meeting of the 19th January 2011.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** All taxi operators were notified of the forthcoming increases in the taxi fare scale in writing on 20th January 2011. New tariff cards were also issued. All operators were advised that they may appeal against the scales to the Traffic Commissioner within 14 days the decision of the Committee (i.e. 3/2/11).
- 3.2** On 7th February 2011 emailed correspondence was received from a taxi operator appealing against the new tariffs. An emailed response was sent on 8th February 2011 confirming that their letter should be directed to the Traffic Commissioner's Office.
- 3.3** All operators were notified on 9th February 2011 that the Council would not be proceeding to advertise the new scales until a decision had been made by the Traffic Commissioner on the appeal.
- 3.4** Enquiries were made with the Traffic Commissioner's Office at regular intervals regarding whether the appeal had been received by their offices. On 24th February 2011 written confirmation was received from the Traffic Commissioner's Office that no appeal has been lodged. As the appeal period ended on 3rd February 2011 it is now highly unlikely that the Commissioner's Office would accept an appeal at this stage even under exceptional circumstances.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The decision has been taken by the Head of Governance and Law following

written confirmation of the position from the Traffic Commissioner's Office to proceed to advertise the new tariffs in the local press with the new tariffs coming into force on 21st March 2011. All taxi operators have been written to, to advise them of the position.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy – None

5.2 Financial - None

5.3 Legal – The Council require to raise taxi fares in terms of the Act

5.4 HR - None

5.5 Equalities - None

5.6 Risk - None

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