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

1. SUMMARY

- 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** A report was placed before the Committee on 23rd January 2013 inviting them to consider the representations received in response to a consultation carried out regarding the review of fares and to decide on what course of action to take. The Committee thereafter agreed to propose that there be no change to the current fare structure and charges and to review the position in 6 months' time if representations in respect of this proposal are received. It also authorised the Head of Governance and Law to advertise the proposed no change in tariff and invite any responses within one month of the advertisement and report back to Members at this meeting

The proposal not to amend fares for taxis operating in the area was published in the local press week commencing 27th January 2013. The advert stated this proposal will become effective from 30th April 2013 and anyone wishing to make any representations by no later than 4th March 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** The Committee are asked to:
- Note the lack of representations received following the publication of the proposal that the charges will remain the same;

3. DETAIL

- 3.1** No representations have been received from the taxi trade or members of the public following the adverts.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Members are asked to:

- a) note the position in relation to the review of fares and agree to publicise the new fare structure which will provide a final opportunity for the trade to appeal to the traffic commissioners ,if so advised

and

- b) note the previous decision that a report come back in six months in the event of any representations from the trade on when to commence the next review of fare scales.

All taxi operators require to be given notice of the scales fixed,

Members should be aware that any person or any persons or organisations appealing to the Traffic Commissioner to be representative of taxi operators in the area who operates a Taxi in an area for which scales have been fixed or in respect of which a review has been carried out will still have the opportunity to lodge an appeal to the Scottish Traffic Commissioner within a 14 day period.

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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