

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

TAXI FARE SCALE REVIEW

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 In terms of Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, 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. Members are advised that the review has now been concluded supporting a 10% increase and the fares have been fixed with effect from 22 April 2025.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the above and that a further review of the taxi fares will take place within 18 months of 22 April 2025 as required in terms of section 17 of the Act.

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3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 In terms of Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, 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. Members agreed to commence with the review process on 23 October 2024. At their meeting on 18 December 2024 the Committee agreed:
1. To propose that there be an increase of 10% to the existing scales and that this take effect from 22 April 2025;
 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 March 2025; 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 19 December 2024 adverts were placed in local newspapers week commencing 6 January 2025 proposing an increase of 10% to the existing fares. In terms of this any representations had to be made by 10 February 2025.
- 3.3 As no representations were received by that date the Head of Legal and Regulatory Support in consultation with the Chair of PPSL gave effect to the increase of 10% to the fares take place.
- 3.4 All operators were notified by letter on 12 February 2025 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 has not been in touch to confirm an appeal has been received.

- 3.6 Adverts were placed week commencing 10 March 2025 in the local press confirming that no change to the existing scales and that this takes effect on 22 April 2025 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 April 2025 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 Fairer Scotland Duty:-none
5.5.1 Equalities - protected characteristics-none
5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty-none
5.5.3 Islands -none
5.6 Climate Change-none
5.7 Risk-none
5.8 Customer Service-none
5.9 The Rights of the Child (UNCRC)-none

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