

REPORT TO: Licensing Sub-Committee
MEETING DATE: 12 November 2015
BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)
SUBJECT: Taxi Fare Review

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Sub-Committee of the outcome of a consultation with the taxi trade relative to the review of taxi fares.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee note the content of this report and the outcome of the review.
- 2.2 That the Sub-Committee complete the review of taxi fares by resolving to keep fares at their current levels, given the lack of any proposals for an increase from the trade.
- 2.3 That the Sub-Committee note that the next review of taxi fares shall require to be undertaken by no later than May 2017.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 There is a statutory requirement on the Council to review taxi fares on a schedule of at least one such review every 18 months. The last such review took place in August 2014, meaning that the next such review would require to be undertaken by no later than February 2016 in order to comply with this statutory timetable.
- 3.2 With a view to ensuring that this timetable would be comfortably met, the Licensing Section issued a consultation letter to all members of the taxi trade on 28 August 2015 inviting proposals on the rate of taxi fares relative to the current review. Comments and proposals were invited by 25 September 2015.

3.3 I would advise that, following the end of that consultation period, no comments or proposals on fares have been received from the taxi trade. The Sub-committee are entitled to complete the review of fares with the decision being to make no changes to the current levels.

3.4 In the absence of any proposals for an increase in fares by the trade, the Sub-committee are therefore recommended to complete the fare review now by deciding that the fare levels should remain at the current levels for the next eighteen month period. The current fare levels are as shown on the appendix hereto.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None. In fixing a scale of fares and other charges, the Council as Licensing Authority are complying with a statutory duty.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial – None

6.2 Personnel - None

6.3 Other – None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Current schedule of taxi fares, August 2014

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**FARE TABLE FOR TAXI CABS
(Operative from 15th August 2014)**

For 1 to 8 Passengers	TARIFF 1 6am – 6am	TARIFF 2 1. 6pm on 24 th December until 2am on 27 th December 2. 6pm on 31 st December until 2am on 2 nd January
1. For the initial period of waiting and 2. For the initial hire not exceeding 713.70 yards	£3.00	£5.00
1. For each additional 40 seconds of waiting time 2. For every additional 153.90 yards 3. Or a combination of 1 and 2 above	20p	40p

EXTRA PAYMENTS

- Car valeting charge for customer misuse - £100

NOTES

- The above fares are applicable only within East Lothian