

Taxis (and Private Hire Cars fitted with Taxi Meters) - Review of Fare Tariff**Report by Director, Resources****1 Purpose of Report**

To seek to appraise Members of the Committee of a request by Midlothian Taxi Owners' Association that the consultation on the review of the Taxi Fare Tariff be delayed to enable its Members to reconsider their position.

2 Background

On 12 November 2013 the Committee authorised a review of the Taxi Fare Tariff on the basis of a slight alteration to the days on which the premium rate will be applied. The current and proposed tariff is shown in the **Appendices**.

3 Review

In terms of the Act, the Council shall carry out a review and complete it within 18 months of the date of the last review.

4 Report Implications**4.1 Resource**

There are no resource implications arising from the consideration of the review of the fare tariff.

4.2 Risk

The risk relates to the failure to implement a review.

**4.3 Single Midlothian Plan and Business Transformation
Themes addressed in this report:**

- ☐ Community safety
- ☐ Adult health, care and housing
- ☐ Getting it right for every Midlothian child
- ☐ Improving opportunities in Midlothian
- ☐ Sustainable growth
- ☐ Business transformation and Best Value
- x ☐ None of the above

4.4 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

There is no impact.

4.5 Adopting a Preventative Approach

By adopting this course of action, the Committee is preventing recourse.

4.6 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

Midlothian Taxi Owners Association consider that the existing fare tariff should not change, save for the removal of the premium charge on 2 January.

4.7 Ensuring Equalities

The report ensures equality.

4.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

The action contributes to sustainable development.

4.9 IT Issues

There are no IT issues arising.

5 Conclusions

The Council is required to review the fare tariff within 18 Months of the last review.

Meantime, Midlothian Taxi Owners' Association asked for more time to consider the matter in the context of a suggestion that generally speaking the *status quo* should prevail but with the premium charge applying until 6am on 2 instead of 3 January.

6 Recommendation

It is recommended that:-

(a) the report be noted; and

(b) on receipt of further intimation from the Association the Director, in consultation with the Chair be authorised to undertake consultation, in the form of Public Notice taking place as regards the review on the basis of the proposal made by the Association.

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Background Papers:

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APPENDIX 1

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

EXISTING FARE TARIFF

Taxi and Private Hire Car Fares

For 1 or 2 passengers	Tariff 1	Tariff 2	Tariff 3	Tariff 4
For the initial hire not exceeding 339m For the initial period of waiting time of 60 seconds For a combination of time and distance	£2.20	£2.70	£3.80	£4.00
For each additional 168.3m For each additional 30 seconds of waiting time For a combination of additional time and distance	£0.20	£0.20	£0.35	£0.35

Monday to Friday	
Tariff 1 – Monday – Friday 6am – 6pm	Tariff 2 – 6pm to 6am and, at weekends, from 6am on Saturday to 6am Monday

Christmas and New Year – Between 6pm on 24 December and 6am on 27 December and 6pm on 31 December and 6am on 3 January	
Tariff 3 – Monday – Friday 6am – 6pm	Tariff 4 – 6pm to 6am and, at weekends, from 6am on Saturday to 6am on Monday

Only 2 children under 12 years will be reckoned as one passenger. No extra fare will be charged for one child under 5 years. Each passenger must be properly seated.
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Extra Payments	
When more than 2 passengers - £0.20 each Cleaning Fee – Travel Sickness - £20.00 Credit/Debit card payments - £1.00	Pre-bookings – Call Out Charge - £0.60 Cancellation Fee - £2.00

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PROPOSED FARE TARIFF

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