

Taxis (and Private Hire Cars fitted with Taxi Meters) - Review of Fare Tariff

Report by Director, Corporate Resources

1 Purpose of Report

To seek authority to proceed with a review of the Taxi Fare Tariff.

2 Background

On 7 June 2011, the Committee considered report, dated 27 May 2011, by the Director, Corporate Resources, confirming that Public Notice of the proposal to review the attached fare tariff had been given in The Advertiser on 14 April 2011, giving a month for the receipt of any representations and no representations had been made; and agreed *inter alia* (i) to approve the adoption of fare tariff, with effect from 21 June 2011; and (ii) to note that a further report would be submitted as appropriate in relation to any major fluctuations in the price of fuel.

In the event there were no calls for a price increase although the levels reached the same kind as those for which the previous increase had been designed to relate to.

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 Recommendation

It is recommended that consultation takes place as regards the review.

JOHN BLAIR
Director

15 May 2012

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Background Papers:	File CG 10.7()	(RGA/MT)



Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Taxis - Review of Fare Tariff

Report by John Blair, Director, Corporate Resources

1 Background

On 5 April 2011, the Committee noted a proposal by the Midlothian Taxi Owners' Association that the Taxi (and Private Hire Cars fitted with Taxi Meters) Fares Tariff be retained at the existing level; authorised public notice of the proposal; and are now asked to consider any representations made.

2 Consultation

Public Notice of the proposal was given in The Advertiser on 14 April 2011 giving a month for the receipt of any representations. No representations have been made on the basis of implementation on 21 June 2011.

The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no comment to make about the level of the increase.

3 Statutory Framework

As indicated above, the statutory requirements as regards public notice of the proposals have been met.

7 Implementation

There are no issues as regards implementation.

8 Recommendation

The Committee are requested:-

(a) to approve the adoption of fare tariff, with effect from 21 June 2011; and

(b) to note that a further report will be submitted as appropriate in relation to any major fluctuations in the price of fuel.

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Director

27 May 2011

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APPENDIX

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

FARE TARIFF WITH EFFECT FROM 21 JUNE 2011

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.

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