

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

Report by John Blair, Director, Resources

1 Background

On 7 January 2014, the Committee noted a request by the Midlothian Taxi Owners' Association for more time to reconsider their position on the review of the Taxi (and Private Hire Cars fitted with Taxi Meters) Fares Tariff; and remitted to the Director, in consultation with the Cahir to proceed with the consultation exercise taking into account any reasonable alterations that the Association may suggest.

2 Consultation

In the event, the Association agreed to support the *status quo*. Accordingly, Public Notice of the proposal was given in The Advertiser on 17 April 2014 giving a month for the receipt of any representations. No representations have been made as yet. The Chief Constable has been consulted and has no comment to make about the review.

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. Intimation of the decision will be given to the Association. There is a right of appeal to the Traffic Commissioners for the Scottish Traffic Area.

8 Recommendation

The Committee are requested to approve the adoption of fare tariff, with effect from 14 June 2014.

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APPENDIX

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Taxi (and Private Hire Cars fitted with Taxi Meters) 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