

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

To seek approval for a review of the Taxi Fare Tariff with effect from 14 December 2015.

2 Background

On 20 May 2014, the Committee authorised a review of the Taxi Fare Tariff on the basis of the continuation of the existing Tariff as shown in the **Appendix** herewith effect from 14 June 2014.

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.

The Midlothian Taxi Owners' Association were asked to comment on the issue and a reply is awaited. It is expected that they will meet soon.

Meantime, it is suggested that the Committee approve the *status quo* with effect from 14 December 2015, on the basis that if there are any representations, they can be considered if necessary at a Special Meeting of the Committee so that the review can be implemented.

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

☐ **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

It is not known whether Midlothian Taxi Owners Association consider that the existing fare tariff should not change.

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.

The views of Midlothian Taxi Owners' Association are awaited.

6 Recommendation

It is recommended that:-

- (a) the report be noted; and
- (b) to undertake consultation, in the form of Public Notice on the basis of the *status quo*.

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

APPENDIX

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

PROPOSED 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 2 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