

## **LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.**

Glasgow, 18th June 2025.

### **Licensing and Regulatory Committee.**

- Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Abdul Bostani, Sean Ferguson, Eunis Jassemi and Hanif Raja.
- Apologies: Leòdhas Massie and Jill Pidgeon.
- Attending: D Brand (Clerk); M Millar, Director of Legal and Administration; D Anderson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability); and Sergeant B Rafferty, Police Scotland.

### **Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Taxi fare scales review for period from March 2024 to February 2025 - Notification of proposed taxi fare scales agreed etc – Instruction to Director of Legal and Administration.**

1 There was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding a review of the taxi fare scales for the city for the period from March 2024 to February 2025, advising

- (1) that in terms of section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, it was a duty of the licensing authority to fix scales for the fares for the hire of, and all other charges in connection with the hire of, a taxi or with the arrangements for its hire;
- (2) that before fixing any scales or carrying out any review, the authority required to consult with such persons or organisations appearing to it to be, or be representative of, the operators of taxis operating within its area and thereafter give notice of its intention by advertisement in a newspaper circulating in its area;
- (3) of the current taxi fare scales, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (4) that following a procurement process, Dr James Cooper, James Cooper Associates Ltd, had been appointed to undertake a “top down” review of the taxi fare scales for the period from March 2024 to February 2025;
- (5) of the outcome of the said review and of the proposed taxi fare scales, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report; and
- (6) of the outcome of consultation with representatives of taxi operators in the city following receipt of the report by Dr Cooper, and of submissions by Unite the Union and Glasgow Taxi Owners’ Federation, as detailed in Appendices 3 and 4 to the report, and of the view of Glasgow Taxis who had indicated that they were satisfied that it represented a true picture of the trade.

After consideration and having heard a presentation by Dr Cooper in relation to his report, the committee

- (a) agreed to propose an increase of 3.32% to the existing taxi fare scales, as detailed in the report; and
- (b) instructed the Director of Legal and Administration to give notice of its intention to fix the following taxi fare scales for the city, in terms of section 17 of the Act, with e-mail notification also being provided to those taxi operators who had requested updates in relation to the review:-

Maximum fare for a distance not exceeding 880 yards or for time not exceeding 2 minutes 45 seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance and such time	£4.50
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For each additional 174 yards or 37 seconds	30p
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Fares for waiting:- For each completed period of 37 seconds	30p
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Fares by time:-

Fares by time must be the subject of special agreement with the hirer. These fares shall apply during the week and on Sundays.

When a taxi has been requested to attend at any place to uplift a hirer, the taxi meter may be set to the "hired" position prior to reaching that place provided that the fare showing on the meter does not exceed £4.50 at the time the taxi arrives at the place.

Soiling charge (only being appropriate in relation to an anti-social act)	£47.50
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Extras:-

Night time Hire:-

An additional charge of £1.50 shall be payable on all hires commenced after 2100 hours, and before 0600 hours.

Christmas and New Year Hire:-

An additional charge of £2.70 shall be payable on all hires commenced between 2100 hours on 24th December and 0600 hours on 27th December, and on those commenced between 2100 hours on 31st December and 0600 hours on 3rd January.

The measurement of time period for both Night time and Christmas and New Year extras commences at 21:00 hours precisely, and ends at 05:59 hours and 59 seconds.