

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 14th August 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Jill Pidgeon (Chair), Abdul Bostani and Eunis Jassemi.

Apologies: Sean Ferguson, Leòdhas Massie, Hanif Raja and Alex Wilson.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); G McNaught (for the Director of Legal and Administration); and S Dickson (for the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability).

Appointment of Chair.

1 The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Jill Pidgeon to chair the meeting.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Taxi fare scales review for period from September 2022 to February 2024 agreed etc - Instruction to Director of Legal and Administration.

2 With reference to the minutes of 12th June 2024 (Print 2, page 111) when the committee had

- (1) agreed to propose an increase of 9.72% to the current taxi fare scales; and
- (2) instructed the Director of Legal and Administration to give notice of that intention, in terms of Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982,

there was submitted a report by the Director of Legal and Administration regarding the response to the public notification of the proposed taxi fare scales, advising

- (a) of the proposed taxi fare scales, as detailed in an appendix to the report;
- (b) that the public notice of the proposal had been published in the Glasgow Times newspaper on 18th June 2024 and had resulted in no representations being received by this authority within the relevant period;
- (c) that operators of taxi licences who had requested to be notified of proposals regarding reviews of the taxi fare scales had also been e-mailed on 17th June 2024 to advise them of the proposed taxi fare scales and of the process and period for submitting representations;
- (d) that once the taxi fare scales had been fixed, in terms of section 18 of the Act, any person who operated a taxi in the city could lodge an appeal with the Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area against this committee's decision in relation to the taxi fare scales review; and

- (e) that in the event that an appeal was lodged, the committee's decision regarding the new taxi fare scales would be suspended until such time as the appeal was dismissed, determined or abandoned.

After consideration, the committee

- (i) agreed that there should be an increase of 9.72% to the current taxi fare scales and to fix the taxi fare scales for the city as follows:-

Maximum fare for a distance not exceeding 889 yards or for time not exceeding 2 minutes 47 seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance and such time) £4.40

For each additional 179 yards or 38 seconds 30p

Fares for waiting:- For each completed period of 38 seconds 30p

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 £4.40 at the time the taxi arrives at the place.

Soiling charge (only being appropriate in relation to an anti-social act) £46.00

Extras:-

An additional charge of £1.50 shall be payable on all hires commenced after 21.00 hours, and before 06.00 hours, except as below.

An additional charge of £2.70 shall be payable on all hires commenced after 21.00 hours on 24th December and 06.00 hours on 27th December, and between 21.00 hours on 31st December and 06.00 hours on 3rd January.

For night time surcharge, the measurement of time period commences at 21.00 hours precisely, and ends at 05.59 hours and 59 seconds;

- (ii) instructed the Director of Legal and Administration to give notice of the decision in terms of section 17(4D) of the Act; and
- (iii) noted the effect of any appeal to the Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area against the decision made in terms of section 18 of the Act.