

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Glasgow, 12th June 2024.

Licensing and Regulatory Committee.

Present: Alex Wilson (Chair), Eunis Jassemi, Leòdhas Massie and Hanif Raja.

Apologies: Sean Ferguson and Jill Pidgeon.

Attending: G McDermid (Clerk); and G McNaught (for the Director of Legal and Administration).

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 – Taxi fare scales review for period from September 2022 to February 2024 - 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 September 2022 to February 2024, 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) of the terms of a report by Dr James Cooper, James Cooper Associates Ltd, who had been requested to undertake a “bottom up” review of the criteria and methodology used for reviewing the taxi fare scales at the same time as a review of the taxi fare scales for the period from September 2022 to February 2024, as detailed in appendix 2 to the report;
- (5) of the outcome of the said review and of the proposed taxi fare scales, as detailed in the executive summary section of Dr Cooper’s report; and
- (6) of the outcome of consultation with representatives of taxi operators in the city with regards to the terms of the said report by Dr Cooper, as detailed in the report, including a submission by Glasgow Taxi Owners’ Federation, as detailed in appendix 3 to the report.

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

- (a) agreed to propose an increase of 9.72% 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 889 yards or for time not exceeding 2 minutes 47 seconds (or a combination of parts of such distance and such time)	£4.40
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For each additional 179 yards or 38 seconds	30p
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Fares for waiting:- For each completed period of 38 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 £4.40 at the time the taxi arrives at the place.

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

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

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