



Glasgow City Council

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Report by Director of Legal and Administration

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Item 1

14th August 2024

**CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982
TAXI LICENSING
TAXI FARE SCALES REVIEW FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2022 TO
FEBRUARY 2024
OUTCOME OF PUBLIC NOTICE**

Purpose of Report:

To advise Members of the outcome of the public notice of the Licensing Authority's proposal to make an increase to the fares and charges for the hire of taxis in Glasgow relative to the Taxi Fare Scales Review for the period September 2022 to February 2024.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to:-

- (1) Note that no representations were received in connection with the proposal;
- (2) Determine whether to increase the taxi fare scales by 9.72% as detailed in Appendix 1 to this Report;
- (3) Instruct the Director of Legal and Administration to give notice of the decision in terms of section 17(4D) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982; and
- (4) Note the effect of any appeal to the Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area against the Committee's decision made in terms of section 18 of the 1982 Act.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐

consulted: Yes ☐ No ☐

1 Background

- 1.1 Members will be aware that in terms of section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 it is 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.
- 1.2 In terms of section 17(4A) of the Act, before fixing any scales or carrying out any review, the Licensing Authority shall 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.
- 1.3 Such advertisement must state the general effect of the proposals and the date when it is proposed that the decision will take effect. It must also state that any person may lodge representations in writing with respect to the proposals within a period of one month after the date of the first publication of the notice and thereafter the Licensing Authority must consider any such representations received before fixing the taxi fare scales.

2 Representatives of Taxi Operators

- 2.1 At a meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee on 12 June 2024, a report by the Director of Legal and Administration in relation to the findings of an independent report by James Cooper Associates Ltd regarding the review of the taxi fare scales for the period September 2022 to February 2024, was considered.
- 2.2 The report by James Cooper Associates Ltd recommended an increase of 9.72% to the current taxi fare scales.
- 2.3 Members were advised at the meeting on 12 June 2024 that Glasgow Taxis Limited, Unite the Union Cab Section and Glasgow Taxi Owners Federation, organisations considered by the Licensing Authority to be representative of operators of taxis operating within the city of Glasgow in terms of section 17(4A) of the Act, had been consulted on the terms of the report by James Cooper Associates Ltd.
- 2.4 Dr James Cooper of James Cooper Associates Ltd was in also in attendance at the said meeting and addressed the Committee on the terms of the report and the recommended increase.
- 2.5 Following consideration of the said reports and submissions made to it at the meeting, the Committee proposed its intention to increase the current taxi fare scales by 9.72%.
- 2.6 A copy of the proposed fare card is attached at Appendix 1 to this Report.
- 2.7 The Committee thereafter instructed the Director of Legal and Administration to give notice of the proposed scales in terms of section 17 of the Act.

3 Public Notice

- 3.1 In terms of section 17(4A) of the Act, a notice of the proposed scales was published in an advertisement in the Glasgow Times newspaper on 18 June 2024.
- 3.2 The notice stated that any person may lodge representations in writing or email to the Licensing Authority, with respect to the proposal by Friday 19 July 2024. No representations were received.
- 3.3 In addition, operators of taxi licences who had asked to be notified of proposals regarding reviews of the taxi fare scales were emailed on 17 June 2024, in order to advise them of the proposed scales and the process and period for submitting representations in respect of the proposal.

4 Notification of Decision and Right of Appeal to the Traffic Commissioner

- 4.1 Once the taxi fare scales have been fixed by the Committee in terms of section 18 of the Act, any person who operates a taxi in Glasgow can lodge an appeal with the Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area against the Committee's decision in connection with this review of the taxi fare scales.
- 4.2 In the event that an appeal is lodged, the Committee's decision regarding the new taxi fare scales will be suspended until such time as the appeal is dismissed, determined or abandoned.

5 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: None

Legal: The review of taxi fare scales has been carried out in accordance with section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Personnel: None

Procurement: None

Council Strategic Plan: Not Applicable

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts: Not Applicable

Does the proposal support the Council's

*Equality Outcomes
2021-25? Please
specify.*

*What are the
potential equality
impacts as a result of
this report?*

*Please highlight if the
policy/proposal will
help address socio-
economic
disadvantage.*

Climate Impacts: Not Applicable

*Does the proposal
support any Climate
Plan actions? Please
specify:*

*What are the potential
climate impacts as a
result of this
proposal?*

*Will the proposal
contribute to
Glasgow's net zero
carbon target?*

**Privacy and Data
Protection Impacts**

*Are there any
potential data
protection impacts as
a result of this report?*

No

*If yes, please confirm
that a Data Protection
Impact Assessment
(DPIA) has been
carried out.*

Not applicable

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