

**REPORT TO:** Licensing Sub-Committee  
**MEETING DATE:** 13 September 2012  
**BY:** Executive Director (Support Services)  
**SUBJECT:** Taxi Fare Review

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To advise the Licensing Sub Committee on the outcome of the newspaper advertisement of the scale of Taxi fares and charges proposed by the East Lothian Taxi & Private Hire Association.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To consider the advertised scale of Taxi fares and charges, and, if approved, to fix same with an effective date to be confirmed in November 2012.
- 2.2 To note that notice of the scale of Taxi fares and charges, as may be fixed by the Licensing Authority, is to be given, informing the recipients of the notice of the effects of Section 18(1) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Following the decision of the Licensing Sub Committee, taken at its meeting held on 14 June 2012, that it was intended to make a determination of the scale of fares and other charges, as proposed to that meeting by East Lothian Taxi & Private Hire Association, the proposed scale was advertised in the local East Lothian newspapers on 27 July 2012. A copy of the information advertised appears in Appendix 1, together with a full copy of the proposed tariff and the current tariffs operating in the other Lothian Authorities, for information. Members of the public were given until 27 August 2012 to make representations. At the time of writing this report, no representations had been received.
- 3.2 The Licensing Sub Committee are therefore now in a position to make a decision on whether to fix as the new scale of fares and charges, those advertised, given that no representations on the matter were received

within the statutory period. Following the fixing of the new scale of fares and charges, the Council as Licensing Authority, requires to give notice of their decision, in terms of Section 17(4) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, to such persons or organisations as they consulted about the scale, namely the East Lothian Taxi & Private Hire Association, informing them of the general effect of section 18(1) of the Act, which deals with a right of appeal.

- 3.3 Section 18(1) of the Act provides that any person who operates a taxi, for which scales have been fixed, may appeal against these scales to the traffic commissioner within 14 days. If an appeal is lodged, the introduction of the new fee tariff is suspended until the traffic commissioner has issued his decision.
- 3.4 Given the requirement to notify, allow time for appeals, and thereafter to have taxi meters recalibrated to the new rates, it is suggested that the new rates become operative in November 2012. The proposed dates for recalibration of meters will be confirmed as soon as possible.

#### **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None. In fixing a scale of fares and other charges, the Council as Licensing Authority is complying with a statutory duty.

#### **5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

#### **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Financial - None
- 6.2 Personnel - None
- 6.3 Other – None

#### **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, sections 17 & 18

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<b>DATE</b>	23 August 2012



Public Notices

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 TAXI FARE REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that East Lothian Council intends to review the taxi fare scales applicable in East Lothian.

The East Lothian Taxi & Private Hire Association have proposed the fare structure set out below.

PROPOSED FARE STRUCTURE

Table with 3 columns: For 1 to 4 Passengers, TARIFF 1, TARIFF 2. Rows include initial hire not exceeding 67.05 yards, waiting time, and additional 40 seconds of waiting time.

Table with 3 columns: For 1 to 4 Passengers, TARIFF 1, TARIFF 2. Rows include hire from 6am-6am and hire from 6pm on 24th Dec to 6am on 27th Dec.

EXTRA PAYMENTS WHEN MORE THAN 4 PASSENGERS - £1.00 EACH. CLEANING CHARGE FOR ALCOHOL RELATED SICKNESS - £100.00

NOTES 1. THE ABOVE FARES APPLICABLE ONLY WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA OF EAST LOTHIAN.

Table with 3 columns: Distance (miles), Present, Proposed, % Increase. Rows show distances from 1 to 20 miles.

EXISTING FARE STRUCTURE (From 12th November 2010)

Table with 4 columns: For 1 to 4 Passengers, TARIFF 1, TARIFF 2, TARIFF 3. Rows include initial hire not exceeding 793 yards, waiting time, and additional 40 seconds of waiting time.

Table with 2 columns: TARIFF 1, TARIFF 2. Rows include hire from 6am-6pm and hire from 6pm-6am.

EXTRA PAYMENTS WHEN MORE THAN 4 PASSENGERS - £1.00 EACH. PREBOOKINGS CALL OUT CHARGE - £400. CANCELLATION CHARGE - £3.00.

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Public Notices

EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS

1 APRIL 2011 TO 31 MARCH 2012

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 5 (4) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 1985 that:

- a) Copies of the unaudited accounts of East Lothian Council for the period from 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 will be available for public inspection in the office of the Executive Director (Support Services).

Jim Lamond Head of Council Resources, John Muir House Brewery Park, Haddington 09 July 2012



TEMPORARY WAITING LOADING AND UNLOADING RESTRICTIONS - KILWINNING STREET, MUSSELBURGH ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984: SECTION 14

East Lothian Council, Transportation and the Chief Constable of Lothian and Borders Police have approved the introduction of Waiting, Loading and unloading restrictions in Kilwinning Street, Musselburgh to facilitate the demolition of existing buildings and the construction of new housing at 2 sites within that street.

The restrictions will commence at 8am on Monday 6th August 2012 and continue in place until 6pm on Friday 6th September 2013.

A small number of parking bays for valid blue badge holders will be made available during the course of the works.

Pedestrian and emergency access will not be affected.

Further details can be found at www.eastlothian.gov.uk and www.telmescotland.gov.uk



TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - C72 BUXLEY ROAD, TRANENT ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984: SECTION 14

East Lothian Council, Transportation and the Chief Constable of Lothian and Borders Police have approved the introduction of a temporary road closure of the C72 Buxley Road, Tranent to facilitate the installation of a new water main.

The closure will commence at 8am on Monday 17th September 2012 and continue in place until 6pm on Friday 19th October 2012.

Pedestrian and emergency access will be affected by the works although local access to Buxley Farm will be available.

Further details can be found at www.eastlothian.gov.uk and www.telmescotland.gov.uk



East Lothian Council Councillors' Surgeries

For dates and times of next week's surgeries in your area (where councillors are available to meet for consultation) or for details of how to get in touch with your local councillors:

Visit our website: www.eastlothian.gov.uk or call us on: 01620 827 827

Individual councillor's surgeries are publicised in leaflets and posters on display in local council offices, libraries and other facilities.

EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2008

Neighbour Notification Where There Is Neighbouring Land With No Premises

The application the subject of this notice together with the plans and other documents submitted with it may be examined at Environment Reception, John Muir House, Brewery Park, Haddington during office hours or at http://pa.eastlothian.gov.uk/online-applications/

Representations may be made in writing to the undersigned within 21 days of this date: Date: 27/07/12

Brian Stalker Development Management Manager John Muir House Brewery Park Haddington EH41 3HA

Email: environment@eastlothian.gov.uk

12/00545/P 9 Ferguson View Musselburgh East Lothian EH21 6XD Extension to house

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12/00543/P 18 Greenfield Park Musselburgh East Lothian EH21 6SX Extensions to house

Advertisement for Direct Blinds featuring various blind styles and contact information: Phone 0131 660 2622 - 9am-9pm

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Executive Appointments & Management BRUNTON THEATRE musselburgh

Appointment of Trustees for the Brunton Theatre Trust Brunton Theatre Trust is looking for new Trustees to join the existing Trust.

Applications are encouraged from all those who have an interest in theatre and the arts and / or youth arts. The range of skills needed for the Trust is detailed in an information pack which can be obtained from Brunton Theatre.

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**EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL  
CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982  
TAXI FARE REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that East Lothian Council intends to review the taxi fare scales applicable in East Lothian.

The East Lothian Taxi & Private Hire Association have proposed the fare structure set out below. The proposals will be considered at a future meeting of the Council's Licensing Sub-Committee. Any person may lodge representations in writing with respect to the proposals to the Department noted below no later than Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2012.

Civic Licensing Team  
Law & Licensing  
John Muir House  
Haddington

27 July 2012

**PROPOSED FARE STRUCTURE**

For 1 to 4 Passengers	TARIFF 1	TARIFF 2
FOR THE INITIAL HIRE NOT EXCEEDING 674.05 YARDS FOR THE INITIAL PERIOD OF WAITING TIME, FOR A COMBINATION OF TIME AND DISTANCE AS ABOVE	<b>£2.50</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
FOR EVERY ADDITIONAL 145.35 YARDS FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 40 SECONDS OF WAITING TIME FOR A COMBINATION OF TIME AND DISTANCE	<b>20p</b>	<b>40p</b>

Tariff 1 6am – 6am	
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Tariff 2 6pm on 24 <sup>th</sup> December until 6am on 27 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm on 31 <sup>st</sup> December until 6am on 3rd January	
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EXTRA PAYMENTS WHEN MORE THAN 4 PASSENGERS	- £1.00 EACH
CLEANING CHARGE FOR ALCOHOL RELATED SICKNESS	-£100.00

**NOTES**

- 1.THE ABOVE FARES APPLICABLE ONLY WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA OF EAST LoTHIAN.
- 2.FARE FOR HIRE TERMINATING OUTWITH EAST LoTHIAN BY ARRANGEMENT AT THE TIME OF HIRE.

The Executive Director of Support Services of East Lothian Council has calculated that the difference in hire charges between the existing and proposed Fare Structure is as shown below:-

Increase per whole mile travelled

Distance (miles)	Present	Proposed	% Increase
1	3.70	4.60	24.32%
2	5.70	7.00	22.81%
3	7.70	9.40	22.08%
4	9.90	11.80	19.19%
5	11.90	14.20	19.33%
10	22.10	26.40	19.46%
15	32.50	38.40	18.15%
20	42.70	50.60	18.50%

**EXISTING FARE STRUCTURE (From 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010)**

For 1 to 4 Passengers	TARIFF 1	TARIFF 2	TARIFF 3
FOR THE INITIAL HIRE NOT EXCEEDING 793 YARDS FOR THE INITIAL PERIOD OF WAITING TIME, FOR A COMBINATION OF TIME AND DISTANCE AS ABOVE	<b>£2.50</b>	<b>£3.00</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
FOR EVERY ADDITIONAL 171 YARDS FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 40 SECONDS OF WAITING TIME FOR A COMBINATION OF TIME AND DISTANCE	<b>20p</b>	<b>20p</b>	<b>40p</b>

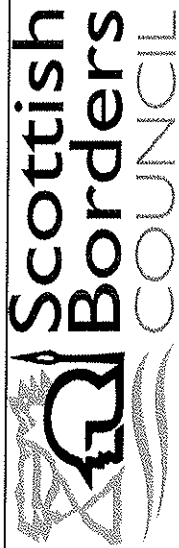
Tariff 1 6am – 6pm	Tariff 2 6pm – 6am
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Tariff 3 6pm on 24 <sup>th</sup> December until 6am on 27 <sup>th</sup> December 6pm on 31 <sup>st</sup> December until 6am on 3rd January
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<b>EXTRA PAYMENTS</b>	
WHEN MORE THAN 4 PASSENGERS	- £1.00 EACH
PREBOOKINGS CALL OUT CHARGE	- 40p
CANCELLATION CHARGE	-£3.00
CLEANING CHARGE FOR ALCOHOL RELATED SICKNESS	-£60.00

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**CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982  
TAXI FARE STRUCTURE  
MAXIMUM FARE LEVELS**

Notice is hereby given that, in terms of Section 18(9) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Taxi Fare levels to be effective from 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 are as follows:-

	<u>No. of PASSENGERS</u>	
	1 to 4	5 to 8
Initial Hire	£2.10	£3.15
Each 107.3 yards (approx 100 metres) or part thereof	£0.10	£0.15
After 60 seconds each 35 seconds	£0.10	£0.15

Unsocial Hours

(a) In addition to social hours from 10.00pm to 6.00am 25% 25%

(b) Festive Season:-

Between 6.00pm on 24 December until 6.00am on 27 December and between 6.00pm on 31 December until 6.00am on 3 January.

Initial Hire	£3.10	£4.65
Each 107.3 yards (100 metres)	£0.15	£0.25
After 60 seconds each 35 seconds	£0.15	£0.25

Car valeting charge for customer misuse: £70.00

**I. WILKIE**  
Head of Legal & Democratic Services

THIS NOTICE MUST BE DISPLAYED  
IN YOUR VEHICLE, IN A POSITION  
WHERE IT CAN BE EASILY READ  
BY THE FARE PAYING PUBLIC.

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

# FARE TABLE FOR TAXIS

Approved by Regulatory Committee on 6 December 2011

## FOR UP TO 2 PASSENGERS

<b>TARIFF 1</b> Monday - Friday 6am – 6pm	<b>TARIFF 2</b> Monday – Friday 6pm – 6am the following day 6am Saturday – 6am Monday
<b>TARIFF 3</b> Monday - Friday 6am – 6pm during Christmas and New Year	<b>TARIFF 4</b> Monday – Friday 6pm – 6am the following day 6am on Saturday – 6am Monday during Christmas and New Year
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	6pm on 24 December to 6am on 27 December
<b>NEW YEAR</b>	6pm on 31 December to midnight on 2 January

CHARGES	TARIFF 1	TARIFF 2	TARIFF 3	TARIFF 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Initial hire not exceeding 520m</li> <li>▪ Initial 105 seconds of waiting time</li> <li>▪ Combination of initial time and distance</li> </ul>	<b>£2.00</b>	<b>£3.00</b>	<b>£3.00</b>	<b>£4.00</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Each additional 195m up until 2080m and thereafter each additional 225m</li> <li>▪ Each additional 42 seconds of waiting time</li> <li>▪ Combination of additional time and distance</li> </ul>	<b>£0.25</b>	<b>£0.25</b>	<b>£0.35</b>	<b>£0.45</b>

## EXTRA PAYMENTS

<b>When more than 2 passengers</b>	Each	<b>£0.20</b>
<b>Note:</b> Only 2 children under 12 years will be reckoned as one passenger. No extra fare will be charged for one child under 5 years of age.		
<b>Each Passenger must be properly seated</b>		
<b>Hires ending at Edinburgh Airport Inner Drop-off Zone</b> (See Note 4 below)		<b>£1.00</b>
<b>Call Out Charge</b> Applicable when pre-booked	<b>£0.80</b>	<b>Airport Pickup</b> For hires Commencing at Edinburgh airport
<b>Cancellation Fee</b> Applicable when taxi is pre-booked but not used	<b>£2.20</b>	<b>Payment Of Fare By Credit/Debit Card</b> Extra applicable when fare paid by the above means
<b>Cleaning Fee</b> Applicable when taxi is soiled (by travel sickness)		<b>5.0 %</b>
		<b>£23.00</b>

## NOTES

- (1) The above Tariff is applicable only within the City of Edinburgh.
- (2) Any hire which terminates outside the City of Edinburgh area – FARE MUST BE NEGOTIATED AND AGREED WITH DRIVER BEFORE THE JOURNEY COMMENCES.
- (3) A copy of the Licensing Conditions can be inspected at the Council's Licensing Offices, 249 High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ and downloaded from [edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/843/taxi\\_licensing\\_conditions](http://edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/843/taxi_licensing_conditions).
- (4) The Airport Extra is only payable if passenger is dropped off in the covered inner drop-off zone at Edinburgh Airport and the driver has explained to the passenger before the start of the journey - (1) He will take the passenger to the drop off point just beside the airport terminal and that there is a £1 extra for this. (2) If the passenger states he is disabled, the £1 extra still has to be paid, but the driver understands that the passenger can reclaim this from the airport at the drop-off point. (3) If the passenger wishes to avoid the £1 extra, he can be taken to an outer drop-off point. However, this is further from the airport terminal, involves the use of a free shuttle bus and will require more time for the passenger to get to the airport terminal.

## COMPLAINTS

Any hirer aggrieved at the level of the fare charged for any hire or for any other reason may discuss the matter with the Taxi Licensing Officer (0131 529 4250). Any complaint must be made in writing and addressed to the Complaints Officer, Licensing Section, The City of Edinburgh Council, 249 High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1YJ, and should include the vehicle's licence number and time and date of the incident.



APPENDIX

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

FARE TARIFF  
WITH EFFECT FROM 21 JUNE 2011

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 3 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.

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

**WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL**  
**FARE TABLE FOR HIRE CARS**  
**(EXCLUSIVE HIRES)**  
**(OPERATIVE FROM 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008)**

<p>For up to 2 passengers  <b>Tariff 1 - Monday - Friday 6am - 6pm</b>  For the initial hire not exceeding 190 yards  For the initial period of waiting time of 43 seconds or  For a combination of time and distance as above ... £2.20  For each additional 250 yards or part thereof  For each additional period of waiting time of 43 seconds or part thereof or  For a combination of additional time and distance.. 20p</p>	<p><b>Tariff 2 - Monday - Thursday 6pm - 6am and at Weekends from 6pm on Friday - Monday 6am</b>  For the initial hire not exceeding 190 yards  For the initial period of waiting time of 43 seconds or  For a combination of time and distance as above £2.60  For each additional 250 yards or part thereof  For each additional period of waiting time of 43 seconds or part thereof or  For a combination of additional time and distance...20p</p>
<p><b>Tariff 3 - Christmas and New Year</b>  Hires commencing on <u>midnight on 24th December until 6am on 27th December and between midnight on 31st December and 6am on 3rd January</u> in any year.  For the initial hire not exceeding 190 yards  For the initial period of waiting time of 43 seconds or  For a combination of time and distance as above ...£4.40  For each additional 250 yards or part thereof  For each additional period of waiting time of 43 seconds or part thereof or  For a combination of additional time and distance. ...40p</p>	<p><b>Additional Passengers -</b>  <b>Where more than 2 passengers (excluding children) - per extra passenger ... 40p</b>  <b>Note:</b> Each passenger must be properly seated (including children)  <b>Luggage -</b> For every piece of luggage carried (subject to a maximum charge of 40p per hire) .. 20p  <b>Soiling Charge -</b> .....£25.00  <b>Cancellation Fee -</b> Taxi booked but not used .... £2.20  <b>Engagement Fee -</b> Where taxi booked by telephone or booked in advance .... 40p per hire</p>

Notes:-

- (1) The above fares are applicable only within the West Lothian District
- (2) Any Hire which terminates outwith the West Lothian District – Fare by Agreement before journey commences.

**APPROVED BY WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

A copy of the conditions attached to a taxi or private hire car licence issued by West Lothian Council may be inspected at:- Police Headquarters, Edinburgh, Divisional Police Headquarters, Livingston, West Lothian Council, Legal Services, West Lothian House, Almondvale Boulevard, Livingston and at Council Information Services and Area Offices.