

REPORT TO: Licensing Sub-Committee

MEETING DATE: 13 February 2014

BY: Depute Chief Executive- Resources and People Services

SUBJECT: Taxi Fare Review

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 For the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider the revised scale of the fares provided by the East Lothian Taxi and Private Hire Association

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To consider the revised scale of the fares provided by the East Lothian Taxi and Private Hire Association and approve or make any amendments that the Licensing Sub-Committee consider appropriate to enable officers to advertise the general effect of the proposals

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 12 December 2013, the Licensing Sub-Committee approved the taxi fare review. At that meeting the East Lothian Taxi and Private Hire Association provided their revised scale of fares. The purpose of this report is for the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider the proposed scale of fares.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no policy implications.

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 Report to Licensing Sub-Committee dated 12 December 2013

7.2 Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

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EAST LOTHIAN TAXI & PRIVATE HIRE ASSOCIATION

Proposed taxi fare increase for 2013/ 2015

A proposed fare increase of 10 % for years 2013 / 2015

Tariff 1. Flag drop at £ 3.00 then for the initial hire then not exceeding 713.70 yards 2013 .until 2015 .

Then for each additional 153.90 yards for each additional 40 seconds of waiting time or for a combination

of both time and distance .20 pence .When more than 4 passengers £ 1.00 each .pre booking call out to be

scrapped cancellation fee to be scrapped . Cleaning charge for sickness due to alcohol £ 100.00

a typical 2 mile trip from the current cost of £ 5.70 . To around £ 6.27

A 5 mile trip which is currently £11.90 would go up to around about £ 13.09

And a ten mile trip which is currently around £22.30 would go up by £2.23 to around £24.53.

We are asking that tariff 2 be scrapped and that tariff 3 be comes tariff 2 for xmas and new year

Currently Edinburgh city councils taxi charges are for 2 miles £ 5.30 / 5 miles £ 10.75 . / 10 miles £ 19.75

Midlothian councils current charges are for 2 miles £5.80 / 5 miles £11.20 / 10 miles £ 21.00.

PLEASE SEND ANY CORRESPONDENCE TO 8 BROWN STREET HADDINGTON EAST LOTHIAN EH41 3JH TEL 01620--
825-825 OR FAX 0162082-5763 ADDRESSED TO MR COLIN PAXTON CO-CHAIRPERSON E.L.T.P.H.A

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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**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 27th 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	£2.50	£5.00
FOR EVERY ADDITIONAL 145.35 YARDS FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 40 SECONDS OF WAITING TIME FOR A COMBINATION OF TIME AND DISTANCE	20p	40p

Tariff 1 6am – 6am	
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Tariff 2 6pm on 24 th December until 6am on 27 th December 6pm on 31 st 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 12th 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	£2.50	£3.00	£5.00
FOR EVERY ADDITIONAL 171 YARDS FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 40 SECONDS OF WAITING TIME FOR A COMBINATION OF TIME AND DISTANCE	20p	20p	40p

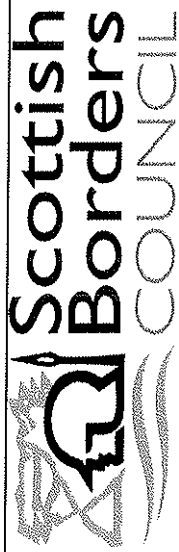
Tariff 1 6am – 6pm	Tariff 2 6pm – 6am
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Tariff 3 6pm on 24 th December until 6am on 27 th December 6pm on 31 st December until 6am on 3rd January
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EXTRA PAYMENTS	
WHEN MORE THAN 4 PASSENGERS	- £1.00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

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.



**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 21st 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

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

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

EXTRA PAYMENTS

When more than 2 passengers	Each	£0.20
Note: 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.		
Each Passenger must be properly seated		
Hires ending at Edinburgh Airport Inner Drop-off Zone (See Note 4 below)		£1.00
Call Out Charge Applicable when pre-booked	£0.80	Airport Pickup For hires Commencing at Edinburgh airport
Cancellation Fee Applicable when taxi is pre-booked but not used	£2.20	Payment Of Fare By Credit/Debit Card Extra applicable when fare paid by the above means
Cleaning Fee Applicable when taxi is soiled (by travel sickness)		5.0 % £23.00

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.
- (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 19TH OCTOBER 2008)

<p>For up to 2 passengers Tariff 1 - Monday - Friday 6am - 6pm 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>Tariff 2 - Monday - Thursday 6pm - 6am and at Weekends from 6pm on Friday - Monday 6am 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>Tariff 3 - Christmas and New Year 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>Additional Passengers - Where more than 2 passengers (excluding children) - per extra passenger ... 40p Note: Each passenger must be properly seated (including children) Luggage - For every piece of luggage carried (subject to a maximum charge of 40p per hire) .. 20p Soiling Charge -£25.00 Cancellation Fee - Taxi booked but not used £2.20 Engagement Fee - 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 30TH 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.