

REPORT TO: Licensing Sub-Committee
MEETING DATE: 12 January 2017
BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)
SUBJECT: Taxi Fare Review

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 For the Council as Licensing Authority to review the table of Taxi fares.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee consults with the East Lothian Motor Hirers Association to establish whether it intends to apply for a review.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 There is a statutory requirement for the Council to review taxi fares at least once every 18 months. The last review took place in November 2015 with no responses received, meaning that the next review has to be undertaken no later than May 2017 in order to comply with the statutory timetable.
- 3.2 To ensure that this timetable would be comfortably met, the Licensing Team will issue a consultation letter to all taxi operators inviting proposals on the rate of taxi fares for the current review.
- 3.3 As part of the review of taxi fares, the Licensing Team will consult other Licensing Authorities, namely, West Lothian, Midlothian, City of Edinburgh and Scottish Borders as to their current scale of fares and other charges.

Before any new scale of Fares and other Charges can come into force the Council must advertise any new proposed scale in the local press to give an opportunity for public representations.

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 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

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

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 Current schedule of taxi fares, November 2015

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TAXI FARE REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that East Lothian Council has reviewed the taxi fare scales (as undernoted) applicable in East Lothian for a period of 18 months.

The new taxi fare scales shall become effective on Friday 15th August 2014.

The Taxi Fare Table can also be viewed on East Lothian Council's Website
www.eastlothian.gov.uk

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FARE TABLE FOR TAXI CABS

For 1 to 8 Passengers	TARIFF 1 6am – 6am	TARIFF 2 1. 6pm on 24 th December until 2am on 27 th December 2. 6pm on 31 st December until 2am on 2 nd January
1. For the initial period of waiting and 2. For the initial hire not exceeding 713.70 yards	£3.00	£5.00
1. For each additional 40 seconds of waiting time 2. For every additional 153.90 yards 3. Or a combination of 1 and 2 above	20p	40p

EXTRA PAYMENTS

- Car valeting charge for customer misuse - £100

NOTES

- The above fares are applicable only within East Lothian