

REPORT TO: Licensing Sub-Committee

MEETING DATE: 14 June 2017

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

SUBJECT: Taxi Fare Review

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To (1) 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 and (2) to advertise the approved scales in the local newspaper.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To consider the advertised scale of Taxi fares and charges and if approved to fix same.
- 2.2 To note that the scale of the taxi fares and charges, as may be fixed by the Licensing Authority is to be given to the East Lothian Taxi & Private Hire Association (by virtue of Section 17 (4) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.
- 2.3 To approve that the new rates become operative in August 2017.
- 2.4 Approval to advertise the approved scales in the local newspaper.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Following the decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee on 9 February 2017, the Licensing Authority advertised the scale of taxi fares and charges (as proposed by the East Lothian Taxi & Private Hire Association). The advert was placed in the East Lothian Courier, dated 16 February 2017. Any representations were due by the 20 March 2017. No representations were received.
- 3.2 The Licensing Sub Committee is now in a position to fix the scale of Taxi Fares and Charges, given that no representations were received. The proposed scale of fares and charges, as advertised, is attached hereto as Appendix 1. Following the fixing of the new scale of taxi fares and

charges, the Licensing authority are required to give notice to the East Lothian Taxi Private Hire Association (by virtue of Section 17 (4) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

3.3 Section 18(1) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 provides that any person who operates a taxi for which scales have been fixed, may appeal 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, notify the local newspaper and to recalibrate the taxi meters to the new rates, it is suggested that the new rates become operative in August 2017.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None. In fixing a scale of fares and other charges, the 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 None

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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 (which if implemented will be for a period of 18 months).

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 20th March 2017.

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

Service Manager
Licensing, Administration & Democratic Services
John Muir House
Haddington
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17th February 2017

PROPOSED FARE STRUCTURE

For 1 to 8 Passengers	TARIFF 1 6am – 6am	TARIFF 2 1. 6pm on 24 th December until 6am on 27 th December 2. 6pm on 31 st December until 6am 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