



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CABINET**

**THURSDAY 12 JANUARY 2017
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HOUSE, HADDINGTON**

Committee Members Present:

Councillor J McNeil (Chair)
Councillor J Caldwell
Councillor J Williamson
Councillor S Currie
Councillor J McMillan
Councillor D Grant

Council Officials Present:

Mrs K MacNeill, Legal Adviser
Ms M Winter, Licensing Officer
Ms G Herkes, Licensing Officer
Mr R Fruzynski, Licensing Standards Officer

Others Present:

Insp A Hogarth, Police Scotland
PC H Bowsher, Police Scotland

Clerk:

Mrs F Stewart

Apologies:

None

Declarations of Interest:

None

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1. TAXI FARE REVIEW

The Depute Chief Executive, Resources and People Services, had submitted a report for the Council, as Licensing Authority, to review the table of taxi fares.

Kirstie MacNeill, Legal Adviser, presented the report and advised the Sub-Committee that there was a statutory requirement for the Council to review taxi fares at least once every 18 months. The last review had taken place in November 2015, meaning that the next review had to be undertaken no later than May 2017.

To ensure that this timetable would be comfortably met, the Licensing Team would issue a consultation letter to the local Taxi Trade Association inviting proposals on the rate of taxi fares for the current review. The Council also had to advertise any new proposed scale of fares in the local press before they could come into force.

The Legal Adviser informed Members that the Chair of the East Lothian Taxi and Private Hire Association had been in contact with the Licensing Office to advise that the Association wished to proceed with a fare review.

Decision

The Sub-Committee agreed to commence a review of taxi fares.

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS – EXEMPT INFORMATION

The Licensing Sub-Committee unanimously agreed to exclude the public from the following business containing exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 6 (information concerning the financial or business affairs of any particular person other than the Authority) of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

2. SUSPENSION OF A TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCE – CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

The Sub Committee considered the suspension of a Taxi and Private Hire Driver's Licence imposed on 27 December 2016 and agreed to further suspend the licence until 9 March 2017 on which date the licence holder would be invited again to appear before the Sub-committee.

3. PRIVATE MINUTES OF MEETING ON 8 DECEMBER 2016 FOR APPROVAL

The Sub-Committee agreed that the minute of 8 December was a true record of the meeting.

An additional item of business was brought to the meeting

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

The Sub-Committee had received one late application and it was granted.