

REPORT TO: Licensing Sub-Committee
MEETING DATE: 12 November 2020
BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)
SUBJECT: Taxi Fare Review

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To allow the Licensing Sub-Committee to consider the review of the scale of the fares or other charges currently in operation in respect of the East Lothian taxi fleet.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee complete the review of taxi fares by resolving to keep fares at their current levels, given the lack of any proposals for an increase from the trade.
- 2.2 That the Sub-Committee decide a date on which the confirmed tariff will come into effect.
- 2.3 That the Sub-Committee authorise officers to advertise and explain the effect of the proposals and invite representations from the public.

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 May 2019, (Appendix 2 – existing tariff), meaning that the next review has to be in place no later than November 2020 in order to comply with the statutory timescales.
- 3.2 To ensure compliance with this timescale, the review was initiated by way of consultation with the taxi trade in East Lothian regarding any proposals they may have with regard to the review of taxi fares. That consultation ran from 20 March to 18 May 2020. There were no responses or proposals received to alter the current fee structure. The Sub-Committee are entitled to complete the review of fares with the decision being to make no changes to the current levels.

- 3.3 As part of the review of taxi fares, the Licensing Team has also consulted with other Licensing Authorities (Appendix 3), namely, West Lothian, Midlothian, City of Edinburgh and Scottish Borders about their current scale of fares and other charges.
- 3.4 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. Said notice must also specify the date on which it is proposed that the tariff shall take effect, which must take account of the period for representations and for appeals to the Traffic Commissioners. It is therefore suggested that the proposed date of coming into effect should be 6 weeks after the date of advertising. Following the coming into effect of the tariff, there would be a further notice published confirming that the new tariff is now in effect.
- 3.5 In the absence of any proposals for change, it is proposed that the Sub-Committee complete the review of taxi fares by formally re-adopting the current tariff (Appendix 2) for the following 18 month period.

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, May 2019

Appendix 1: Revised scale of the fares or other charges proposed by the East Lothian Taxi Operators.

Appendix 2: Existing Fare Tariff

Appendix 3: Consultations with other Licensing Authorities

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Appendix 1

Revised scale of the fares or other charges proposed by the East Lothian Taxi Operators.

None.



CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982, Section 18

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 Saturday 25th May 2019.

The Taxi Fare Table can 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	TARIFF 2	TARIFF 3
	6am – 6pm	6pm- 6am	
1. For the initial period of waiting and 2. For the initial hire not exceeding 713.70 yards	£3.00	£4.00	£5.00 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 each additional 40 seconds of waiting time 2. For every additional 146.5 yards 3. Or a combination of 1 and 2 above	20p	20p	40p

EXTRA PAYMENTS

- Car valeting charge for customer misuse - £100

NOTES

- The above fares are applicable only within East Lothian

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FARE TABLE FOR TAXIS

With effect from 7 April 2020

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
Tariffs 3 and 4 shall only be charged during the following dates and times: CHRISTMAS 6pm on 24 December to 6am on 27 December NEW YEAR 6pm on 31 December to 11.59pm on 2 January	

CHARGES	TARIFF 1	TARIFF 2	TARIFF 3	TARIFF 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initial hire not exceeding 516m ▪ Initial 105 seconds of waiting time ▪ Combination of initial time and distance 	£3.00	£4.00	£4.00	£5.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each additional 168m up until 1860m and thereafter each additional 195m ▪ Each additional 36 seconds of waiting time ▪ Combination of additional time and distance 	£0.25	£0.25	-	-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Each additional 184m up until 1988m and thereafter each additional 213m ▪ Each additional 39 seconds of waiting time ▪ Combination of additional time and distance 	-	-	£0.35	£0.45
When more than 2 passengers			Each	£0.30
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)				£2.00
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	The amount charged at the exit gate subject to a maximum of £5.00, providing it is no more than the actual amount charged.		
Soiling Charge – maximum of £50.00 payable by a passenger, where a vehicle is required to be removed from service for cleaning in order for it to be restored to a usable state and condition				

FARE TABLE FOR TAXI AND METERED PRIVATE HIRE CARS

OPERATIVE FROM 5 APRIL 2019

<p>Tariff 1 - Monday - Friday 6am - 6pm for up to 2 passengers</p> <p>For</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the initial hire not exceeding 190 yards; the initial period of waiting time of 43 seconds; or a combination of time and distance as above £2.60 <p>For</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> each additional 225 yards or part thereof; each additional period of waiting time of 43 seconds or part thereof; or a combination of additional time and distance 20p 	<p>Tariff 2 - Monday - Thursday 6pm - 6am and at weekends from 6pm on Friday - Monday 6am for up to 2 passengers</p> <p>For</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the initial hire not exceeding 190 yards; the initial period of waiting time of 43 seconds; or a combination of time and distance as above £3.00 <p>For</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> each additional 225 yards or part thereof; each additional period of waiting time of 43 seconds or part thereof; or a combination of additional time and distance 20p
<p>Tariff 3 - Christmas and New Year for up to 2 passengers</p> <p>Hires commencing at 10pm on 24 December until 5am on 27 December and between 10pm on 31 December and 6am on 2 January in any year</p> <p>For</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the initial hire not exceeding 190 yards; the initial period of waiting time of 43 seconds; or a combination of time and distance as above £3.90 <p>For</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> each additional 225 yards or part thereof; each additional period of waiting time of 43 seconds or part thereof; or a combination of additional time and distance 30p 	<p>Additional Charges</p> <p>Where more than 2 passengers: Per extra adult passenger (over 12 years): 40p Per extra child passenger (over 5 years and under 12 years): 20p Per extra infant passenger (0 - 5 years): no extra charge</p> <p>Note: each passenger must be properly seated (including children and infants) Luggage For every piece of luggage carried (subject to a maximum charge of 40p per hire): 20p For each piece of luggage or additional item carried requiring the assistance of the driver, or which cannot reasonably be lifted by one person: a charge of £5 (amount to be agreed before journey commences)</p> <p>Soiling Charge: £40.00 Cancellation Fee i.e. taxi or metered private hire car booked but not used: £2.60 Engagement Fee i.e. where taxi or metered private hire car booked by telephone or booked in advance: 60p per hire</p>

- The above fares are the maximum metered fares which can be charged for hires wholly within the West Lothian District.
- Any hire which starts or terminates outwith the West Lothian District — fares must be agreed before the journey commences. It can be agreed that this fare table will be used.

A copy of the conditions attached to a taxi or private hire car licence issued by West Lothian Council may be inspected at West Lothian Council, West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road, Livingston or viewed on the taxi licensing pages of the council's website www.westlothian.gov.uk

Approved by West Lothian Council on 5 February 2019



**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 with effect from 23 September 2019 are as follows:-

<u>SOCIAL HOURS</u>	<u>No. of PASSENGERS</u>	
	1 to 4	5 to 8
Initial Hire	£2.35	£3.50
Each 96.78 yards (approx. 88.5 metres) or part thereof	£0.10	£0.15
<u>Waiting Time</u>		
After 60 seconds each 35 seconds	£0.10	£0.15
<u>Valeting/Customer Misuse</u>		
Car valeting charge for customer misuse	£70.00	
<u>UNSOCIAL HOURS (inc +25%)</u>		
(a) In addition to social hours from 10.00pm to 6.00am		
Initial Hire	£2.95	£4.40
Each 77.43 yards (approx. 70.8 metres) or part thereof	£0.10	£0.15
(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	£3.45	£5.10
Each 96.78 yards (approx. 88.5 metres) or part thereof	£0.15	£0.25
<u>Waiting Time</u>		
After 60 seconds each 35 seconds	£0.15	£0.25

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CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

FARE TARIFF WITH EFFECT FROM 5 FEBRUARY 2016

Taxi and Private Hire Cars 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	£2.80	£3.20	£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

NOTES:

- 2 Fares applicable only in Midlothian.
- 3 Any hire which terminates outwith Midlothian – fare by agreement before journey.
- 4 Approved by General Purposes Committee, Midlothian Council on 5 January 2016.
- 4 Copies of the Conditions and Regulations available for inspection at the Taxi Examination Centre, 33 Murrayburn Road, Edinburgh, Police Scotland, Divisional Headquarters, Newbattle Road, Dalkeith and Midlothian House, Buccleuch Street, Dalkeith.