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| To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE | | Subject: RATIONALISATION OF TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING SYSTEMS - FARES AND FARE REVIEWS |
| From: HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES | | |
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1. INTRODUCTION

In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act, the local authority are obliged to fix, from time to time, at intervals not exceeding 18 months, scales for fares and other charges relating to the operation of taxis. There are no provisions for the fixing of fares and other charges for private hire vehicles. The duty to review is an absolute obligation and Members will note an additional report on the Agenda relating to the Cumbernauld & Kilsyth fare review.

2. Report

- 2.1 After a review is completed a fare card is produced which the driver of a taxi requires to keep in a conspicuous place in their vehicle. Appendix A reproduces the present fare card for Monklands and Motherwell. Whilst the merging authorities have generally similar charges, there are some differences, particularly in the way fares are calculated, e.g. the first mile for Monklands is £1.20, the first 1,584 yards (slightly less than a mile) for Motherwell is £1.00 and the first 1,084 yards for Cumbernauld & Kilsyth (under the proposed review) is £1.00. The charge for each additional 160 yards in Monklands is 10p, whereas in Motherwell the same charge is for each additional 1/9th of a mile and in Cumbernauld & Kilsyth each additional 216 yards. Also, some areas have certain extra charges, whilst others don't.
- 2.2 It is now necessary to start the process of merging the present four fare structures into a unified fare structure. Whilst it would be preferable to delay the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth review until such time as it is possible to merge all the fares this is not an option available as the statutory time limit for this review has expired and the trade are pressing for the review now. In any event it is not expected that a unified fare scale would be operational prior to 1st April 1997.

Recommendation

That authority be granted to the Head of Legal services to consult with the trade to report back to Committee with proposals on a comprehensive review for formal consideration.

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**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
MCKNLANDS LICENSING AREA**

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MOTHERWELL LICENSING AREA**

TAXI/Private Hire Car Licence No.
VEHICLE REG MARK
LICENSEE'S NAME
LICENSED TO CARRY PASSENGERS

Taxi No. _____
 Licensee's Name _____
 Business Address _____

FARES BY DISTANCE
 For a distance not exceeding 1584 YARDS (Minimum fare) £1.00
 For each additional 160 YARDS or part thereof 10p
 Drivers licence No. is shown on driver's badge which he/she is obliged to wear conspicuously

FARES BY DISTANCE
 Reference in case of complaints or of property being left in the taxi should be made at a Police Office.

FARES FOR WAITING
 (1) If hired by distance the licensee or driver is, in addition to the above, entitled to charge for waiting whether in one stoppage or in several stoppages as follows -
 For each period of 40 SECONDS or part thereof 10p
 The above rates include for engagement of the carriage at any point within the District. Waiting begins from the time of arrival of the carriage at the place of engagement. Engagement of the carriage at a point outwith the District of Monklands shall be the subject of special agreement.

FARES FOR WAITING
 For each period of one minute or part thereof 10p
 Each additional One-minute 10p
 First Mile (minimum fare) £1.20

EXTRA CHARGES
 Additional charge when care specifically requested for 5 persons 20p
 For hirings on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, 1st and 2nd January For hirings on 27th December and 3rd January between the hours of midnight and 6.00 am £1.00
CARRIAGE CALLED BUT NO USED
 When carriage called but not used: 7 a.m. - Midnight £1.00
 Midnight - 7 a.m. £1.50
LUGGAGE
 Subject to weight or size limitation FREE

EXTRA CHARGES
 (1) Hirings Begun Between Midnight and 7 am 50p
 For hirings begun between MIDNIGHT AND SEVEN a.m. 20p
 For hirings on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, 1st and 2nd January £1.00
 For hirings on 27th December and 3rd January between the hours of midnight and 6.00 am £1.00
 (2) Public Holidays For hirings commenced on the following public holidays (midnight to midnight) - 25th December, 26th December, 1st January and 2nd January £1.00
 (3) Taxi Called But Not Used 80p

Complaints regarding defective taximeters, driver not wearing badge or property left in carriage, should be made at once to Head of Legal Services, North Lanarkshire Council, P.O. Box 14, Civic Centre, Motherwell.
 The Taxi/Private Hire Car Licence Number or vehicle registration number should always be quoted. No separate fare shall be charged to, or payable by, each passenger under any circumstances. The fare shown on the face of the taximeter includes V.A.T.
 The driver must assist in loading and unloading without extra charge.
 The driver shall assist, when required, in loading and unloading without any extra charge.

NOTE: ALL THE ABOVE CHARGES ARE INCLUSIVE OF VAT
 No separate fare shall be charged to, or payable by, each passenger under any circumstances. The driver must assist in loading and unloading without extra charge. Any complaints regarding defective taximeters should be made at once at a Police Office. The number of the taxi should always be quoted.
 The above fares structure comes into operation on 9th November, 1995