

To: General Purposes Committee		Subject: CUMBERNAULD AND KILSYTH LICENSING AREA - REVIEW OF TAXI FARES
From: Head of Legal Services		
Date: 22 May 1996	Ref: WBK/MRP	

1. Background

1.1 In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 it is the duty of the Licensing Authority to review taxi fare scales for any licensing area at intervals not exceeding 18 months from the date on which the last review came into effect. The last review for the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Licensing Area was on 31 October 1994 and at a meeting of the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District Council 30 October 1995 it was agreed that a sub-committee be appointed with the responsibility of discharging the then District Council's function in this regard with the final decision to be taken by a future meeting of the District Council.

2. Outcome of Review

2.1 Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District Council had on 31 October 1994 agreed a formula for the review of taxi fares which formula is as indicated in Appendix A. This formula was then applied to the figures obtained by the District Finance Officer and a percentage increase in the average cost per mile was calculated at 4.28% (Appendix B). Copies of the formula calculation were then sent to the representatives of the taxi trade and the representatives were asked (a) if they agreed to the formula calculation and (b) if they wished a meeting with the Council's Sub-Committee to discuss the figures. Only two responses were received, one from the Cumbernauld Taxi Owners Association and the other from Cumbernauld Independent Taxi Cab Association Ltd who both indicated that they agreed with the formula and did not require a meeting.

2.2 The next stage is for the Council to consider approval or otherwise of the outcome of the review. If approved it would then be necessary to give notice of the approval of the proposals in a local newspaper advising that any person may lodge representations in writing within one month after publication of the notice and that if no representations are received the proposals would come into effect immediately on expiry of the one month period.

3. Recommendation

Agree or otherwise to the proposed scale of fares as set out in Appendix C. If agreed then thereafter instruct the Head of Legal Services to advertise the proposals in a local newspaper.

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Head of Legal Services

APPENDIX A

FORMULA ADOPTED BY CUMBERNAULD AND KILSYTH DISTRICT - OCTOBER, 1994

FORMULA

<u>Categories Supplied by the Trade</u>	<u>August 1994</u>
	£
Vehicle Cost	7,812.00
Repairs	1,776.36
Fuel	2,772.00
Insurance	1,936.00
Labour (33 hours per year)	792.00
Miscellaneous (Licence fees, NI Contributions)	638.00

	15,726.36
Wages	10,262.00

Categories Total 60% of Annual Costs	15,726.36
Wages 40% of Annual Costs	10,262.00

Total	25,988.36
Average cost per mile	$\frac{25988.36}{30,000} = .866$

APPENDIX B

FORMULA MARCH 1996

TAXI FARE REVIEW FORMULA

	August 94	November 95		Source
Vehicle cost	7,812.00	8,184.00	4.76%	John Paton & Son Limited
Repairs	1,776.36	1,847.41	4.00%	John Paton & Son Limited
Fuel	2,772.00	2,946.18	6.28%	Institute of Petroleum
Insurance	1,936.00	1,936.00	0.00%	John Paton & Son Limited
Labour	792.00	822.10	3.80%	Average Earnings Index
Miscellaneous	638.00	658.42	3.20%	CKDC (licence fee; Inland Revenue (NI Contributions))

	15,726.36	16,394.11	4.25%	
Wages	10,262.00	10,707.16	4.34%	

TOTAL	25,988.36	27,101.27	4.28	

Average Cost Per Mile (30,000 miles)	0.866	0.903		

The increase in the "cost per mile" translates into an increase of 4.28%.

APPENDIX C**CURRENT SCALE OF FARES**

Not exceeding 1132 yards	£1.00
Each additional 226 yards	10p
Waiting time per minute	12p
Between midnight and 6 am	50p extra
Extra passengers after 2	Nil
Called and not used	£1.00
Hires on 25 and 26 December and 1 and 2 January	£1.00 extra
Flag Fall each 1/6th mile to maximum 1 mile	10p

PROPOSED SCALE OF FARES

Not exceeding 1084 yards	£1.00
Each additional 216 yards	10p
Waiting time per minute	13p
Between midnight and 6 am	50p extra
Extra passengers after 2	Nil
Called and not used	£1.00
Hires on 25 and 26 December and 1 and 2 January	£1.00 extra
Flag Fall each 1/6th mile to maximum 1 mile	10p