

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE		Subject: TAXI LICENSING – TAXI FARES REVIEW	
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION			
Date: 26 September 2002	Ref: WBK/KH		

## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee that the time has arrived for the Council to carry out its statutory duty to review taxi fares in its area.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 obliges the Council, as licensing authority, to fix, from time to time, scales for the fares and other charges in respect of the hire of taxis. Such reviews require to be carried out at intervals of not greater than 18 months and the time has arrived for the Council to carry out the next taxi fares review.
- 2.2. The Head of Legal Services has written to taxi trade representatives to ascertain their preliminary views on the review of taxi fares. Following the last review in early 2001, no further representations have been received from the trade in respect of the taxi fares tariffs. Responses from the trade are awaited. No other individual or representative group has made recent representations on the issue of taxi fares.

## 3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION OR DECISION


- 3.1. The Committee requires to note its statutory duty to carry out a taxi fares review and to give consideration to authorising the Head of Legal Services to enter full discussions with trade on the issue. It is intended that, following those discussions, the matter will be further reported to the Committee with details of the precise proposals for change or alternatively confirmation that there are no proposals for change at this time. If proposals for change are forthcoming, the Committee will be asked to consider the proposals and asked to authorise the formal advertisement of those proposals. Thereafter, the public will have the opportunity of making representations prior to the Committee reaching a final decision.

## 4. CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

The issues raised in this report do not significantly impact on the Council's wider policies or positions.

5. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1. The Committee is asked to authorise the Head of Legal Services to enter a full consultation with the taxi trade on the issue of taxi fares and to report to Committee thereafter.

  
for **Director of Administration**

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