

REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES (LICENSING) SUB-COMMITTEE		Subject: TAXI LICENSING – TAXI FARE REVIEWS 2010
From: HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES		
Date: 3 MAY 2011	Ref: JM/MK/ GBM	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. The purpose of this Report is to advise the Committee of the outcome of the consultation on taxi fare reviews and to present the matter for decision.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. On 9 November 2010 a meeting was held by all Taxi Owners Association representatives operating within the North Lanarkshire Council area, namely North, Central and South areas. It was proposed at the meeting to look into the current taxi fare tariffs and the feasibility of harmonising the fares in each taxi area. The trade also advised at the meeting that they are not seeking boundary charges, either within or outside North Lanarkshire.
- 2.2. By letter dated 7 March 2011 following discussions with trade member Mr Peter Gunn (secretary of North Lanarkshire Taxi Trade Association) it was proposed to harmonise fares and not to implement boundary charges either within or outside the North Lanarkshire taxi area. The trade also expressed that in the present economic climate none of the three licensing areas were seeking large fare increases and accordingly the proposed tariff changes are basically a compromise on the three former tariffs, with cancellation charges brought into line with flag falls.
- 2.3. In the North licensing area (i.e. former Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District Council Area, together with that part of the former Strathkelvin District Council Area that now forms part of North Lanarkshire) it is proposed that for the existing fare/charge for a distance not exceeding 1,320 yards be amended to 880 yards. The existing charge levied of £2 would remain the same. Each additional 234 yards (or part thereof) be amended to 110 yards (or part thereof) and that the existing levy charge of 0.20p be reduced to 0.10p. That the hours called but not used between 7.00 a.m. and 12 midnight be amended to 5.00 a.m. to 12 midnight and that the existing charge levied be increased from £1.50 to £2.00. That existing hours called but not used between 12 midnight and 7.00 a.m. be amended to 12 midnight and 5.00 a.m. and that the charge levied be increased from £1.60 to £3.00.
- 2.4. In the Central licensing area (i.e. former Monklands District Council Area), it is proposed that the existing fare/charge for a distance not exceeding 1,320 yards be amended to 880 yards. The existing charge levied of £2.00 would remain the same. That the existing hours called but not used, i.e. between 7.00 a.m. and 12 midnight be amended to 5.00 a.m. and 12 midnight and that the charge levied be increased from £1.50 to £2.00. That the existing hours called but not used between 12 midnight and 7.00 a.m. be amended to 12 midnight and 5.00 a.m. and that the existing charge levied be increased from £1.60 to £3.00.

- 2.5. In the South licensing area (former Motherwell District Council area), it is proposed that the existing fare/charge for a distance not exceeding 880 yards and the existing charge levied be increased for £1.80 to £2.00. That the existing hours called but not used between 7.00 a.m. and 12 midnight be amended to 5.00 a.m. to 12 midnight and that the existing charge levied be increased from £1.50 to £2.00 and the existing hours called but not used between 12 midnight and 7.00 a.m. be amended to 12 midnight and 5.00 a.m. and that the existing charge levied be increased from £1.60 to £3.00.
- 2.6. In respect of fares for waiting and extra charges these remain the same as the previous tariffs which came into effect on 5 December 2008.
- 2.7. The proposed changes if approved will result in the same fare charges across North Lanarkshire.
- 2.8. In accordance with the statutory procedures the new tariff fares for each area were advertised. The advertisement received no objections or representations.

3. **ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1. The Committee requires to consider taking into account the aforesaid reasons for the proposals to allow each Taxi Association to propose their own taxi fares.
- 3.2. The Committee also requires to consider the new proposed taxi fare tariffs.

4. **CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS**

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

5. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1. On balance the Committee is asked to agree to amend the taxi fare scales as detailed in the Appendix A to this report with effect from 4 July 2011.



Head of Legal Services

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FARES TARIFF
SOUTH, CENTRAL AND NORTH LICENSING AREAS

TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR LICENCE NO
 VEHICLE REG. MARK
 LICENCE HOLDERS NAME
 LICENSED TO CARRY..... PASSENGERS

The Driver's Licence No. is shown on his/her badge which he/she is obliged to wear conspicuously.

FARES BY DISTANCE

For a distance not exceeding 880 yards £2.00
 Each additional 110 yards (or part thereof) 10p

FARES FOR WAITING

Every THIRTY seconds (or part thereof) 10p

EXTRA CHARGES

Hires between 12 midnight and 5am£1.00
 Called but not used between 5am and 12 midnight£2.00
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 Hirings begun or ending on 25 or 26 December or 1 or 2 January
 (and until 7am on 27 December and 3 January) 1.5 X Meter
 Soiling Charge (valeting charge)£30.00
 Where purpose built/adapted vehicle requested to carry more than 4 passengers or
 To carry out a task unsuitable for a saloon type vehicle. (Except for disabled and
 Wheelchair passengers)..... £1.00

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.

Complaints regarding defective taximeters, drivers not wearing badge or property left in carriage, should be made at once at a Police Office and to the Head of Legal Services, North Lanarkshire Council, P.O. Box 14, Civic Centre, Motherwell. The Taxi/Private Hire Car Licence Number and vehicle registration number should always be quoted.

The driver shall assist, when required, in loading and unloading without any extra charge.

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