

REPORT

To: CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: TAXI LICENCE – TAXI FARES REVIEW 2012
From: HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES		
Date: 28 May 2012	Ref: JM/AMK/ GBM	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1. The purpose of this Report is to advise the Committee that it is now necessary for the Council to carry out its statutory duty to periodically review taxi fares in its area.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1. Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 obliges the Council to fix from time to time scales for the fees and other charges in respect of the hire of taxis in its area. Such review requires to take place within eighteen months of the date on which the scales came into effect. The current scales came into effect on 4 July 2011 and the Council therefore require to carry out the next taxi fares review.

3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1. The Committee requires to formally commence its statutory duty to renew taxi fares and to give consideration to authorising the Head of Legal Services to consult with and enter discussions on the issue within the trade. It is intended that, following those discussions, the matter will be further reported to the Committee with details of the precise proposals for change. Once the Committee has had the opportunity of considering any proposals, the Committee will be asked to authorise the formal advertisement of such proposals in order that the public may have the opportunity to make representations prior to the Committee reaching a final decision.

4. CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

4.1. The issue raised in this Report do not significantly impact on the Council's wider policies or position.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

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



Head of Legal Services

(Members seeking further information on the contents of this Report are asked to contact George Macdonald, Solicitor, on extension 2733).