

North Lanarkshire Council

Report

Finance and Resources Committee

approval

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Taxi Licensing – Taxi Fares Review 2019

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Committee that North Lanarkshire Joint Taxi Trade Association was consulted regarding proposals in relation to the review of taxi fares and other charges. The Association responded by stating that there was no consensus among its membership for an increase in fares. Following that response, the Council, as required by legislation, published the existing taxi fare scales in newspapers circulating in the North Lanarkshire area. Representations regarding the proposal to make no change to the current fare structure were invited to be made on or before 29 June 2019. No responses were received in response to the notice published in the local press.

Recommendations

Committee is asked to agree that the existing taxi fare scales remain in place and that new fare cards be issued from 2 October 2019.

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority	Improve economic opportunities and outcomes Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities
Ambition Statement	Ensure the highest standards of public protection

1. Background

- 1.1. Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 requires the Council to set from time to time the fares and other charges in respect of the hire of taxis in its area.

2. Report

- 2.1. The current fare structure is as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.
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3. Equality and Diversity

3.1. Fairer Scotland Duty

The Fairer Scotland Duty is not applicable to the content of this report.

3.2. Equality Impact Assessment

No Equality Impact Assessment is required.

4. Implications

4.1. Financial Impact

None.

4.2. HR/Policy/Legislative Impact

None.

4.3. Environmental Impact

None.

4.4. Risk Impact

None.

5. Measures of Success

5.1. Improving economic opportunities and outcomes.

6. Supporting Documents

6.1. An Appendix detailing the current fare structure which it is proposed should continue.



Head of Legal and Democratic Solutions

APPENDIX 1**CURRENT FARE STRUCTURE****SOUTH, CENTRAL AND NORTH LICENSING AREAS****FARES BY DISTANCE**

For a distance not exceeding 880 yards	£2.40
Each additional 103 yards (or part thereof)	£0.10

FARES FOR WAITING

Every thirty seconds (or part thereof)	£0.10
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EXTRA CHARGES

Hires between 12 midnight and 5 am	£1.00
Called but not used between 5 am and 12 midnight	£2.40
Called but not used between 12 midnight and 5 am	£3.40
Hires begun or ending on 25 or 26 December or 1 or 2 January (and until 7 am on 27 December and 3 January)	1.5 x METER
Soiling Charge (valeting)	£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.