

Conference Room 2, Ground Floor, Fife House, Glenrothes Tuesday, 6th September, 2022 - 9.30 a.m.

AGENDA

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- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
- 2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -** Members of the Committee are asked to declare any interest(s) in particular items on the agenda and the nature of the interest(s) at this stage.
- **3. MINUTE -** Minute of Meeting of the Regulation and Licensing Committee of 5 16 9th August, 2022.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

- **4. TAXI FARE SCALE REVIEW 2022/2023 -** Report by the Executive Director 17 27 Finance and Corporate Services on the Taxi Fare Scale Review for 2022/2023.
- 5. APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH POLICE COMMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE –
 Consideration of applications for licences by the undernoted in respect of which police comment has been made, and, in terms of Schedule 1 to the above Act, to hear the applicants, or their representatives, in support of the applications:

		<u>Applicant</u>	Activity	Period of Licence Applied For
(D)	(i)	Dragomir Asenov	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year
(D)	(ii)	David Cathie	Taxi Driver (new application)	3 year
(D)	(iii)	Nicola Gough	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year

		<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity</u>	Period of Licence Applied For
(D)	(iv)	Grant Kennedy	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year
(D)	(v)	Sean Kitchener	Taxi Driver (renewal)	1 year
	(vi)	Alan Mayanja	Taxi Driver (renewal)	1 year

- N.B. The applicants and those making representation have been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting.
- (D) Deferral Consideration of the applications at (i) (v) above is continued from the meeting held on 9th August, 2022.
- 6. **OPPOSED APPLICATION -** Consideration of application for licence by the undernoted in respect of which a police objection has been lodged, and, in terms of Schedule 1, paragraph 4(2) to the above Act, to hear the objector and the applicant thereon:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity</u>	Period of Licence Applied For
David Sawko	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year

N.B. The applicant and objector have been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting.

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE – IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.

7. APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH POLICE COMMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE -

Consideration of applications for licences by the undernoted in respect of which police comment has been made, and, in terms of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, to hear the applicants or their representatives in support of the applications:

		Applicant	Activity	Period of Licence Applied For
(D)	(i)	Gillian Aitken	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year
(D)	(ii)	Morgan Dick	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year
(D)	(iii)	Tomas Kristof	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year

		<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity</u>	Period of Licence Applied For
	(iv)	Danielle Martin	Taxi Driver (renewal)	1 year
(D)	(v)	David Sinclair	Taxi Driver (renewal)	3 year

- N.B. The applicants and those making representation have been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting.
- (D) Deferral Consideration of the applications at (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) above is continued from the meeting held on 9th August, 2022.
- 8. OPPOSED APPLICATIONS Consideration of applications for licences by the undernoted in respect of which police objections have been lodged, and, in terms of Schedule 1, paragraph 4(2) to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, to hear the objector and the applicants thereon:

		<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity</u>	Period of Licence Applied For
	(i)	Valentin Getov	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year
(D)	(ii)	Kaan Polat	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year

- N.B. The applicants and objector have been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting.
- (D) Deferral Consideration of the application at (ii) above is continued from the meeting held on 9th August, 2022.
- **9. URGENT BUSINESS -** Any other items which the Chair decides are urgent.

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30th August, 2022

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THE FIFE COUNCIL - REGULATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE - GLENROTHES

9th August, 2022 9.30 a.m. – 5.22 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Tom Adams (Convener), Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Patrick

Browne, Gavin Ellis, Alycia Hayes, Carol Lindsay, Donald Lothian, David MacDiarmid, Julie MacDougall, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Gordon

Pryde, Jonny Tepp and Darren Watt.

ATTENDING: Kimberley Langley, Solicitor, Gillian Love, Lead Officer, Miscellaneous

Licensing and Craig Ritchie, Civic Government Licensing Enforcement Officer all in Finance and Corporate Services; Sergeant Neil Ewing, Police Scotland (Fife Division); and Billy Ferguson, Fleet Operations

Manager (for items 5, 6 & 7 only).

1. CONVENER'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Councillor Adams paid tribute to the previous Convener and Vice-Convener as well as all councillors who were not re-elected, or who had retired, for their positive contribution to the Committee and thereafter welcomed all new councillors.

2. MEMBERSHIP AND REMIT

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance & Corporate Services) detailing the membership and remit of the Committee.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

3. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTE CONVENER

Motion

Councillor Pryde, seconded by Councillor MacDougall, moved that Councillor Browne be appointed Depute Convener of the Regulation & Licensing Committee.

Amendment

Councillor MacDiarmid, seconded by Councillor Patrick moved, as an amendment, that Councillor Lindsay be appointed Depute Convener of the Regulation & Licensing Committee.

Vote

Amendment – 6 Motion – 8

Decision/

Decision

Councillor Browne was appointed Depute Convener of the Regulation & Licensing Committee.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

4. **APPEAL TO SHERIFF – MARKET OPERATOR'S LICENCE** (Previous Minute Reference: 430 of 2022.R.L.412 & 413 refers)

Decision

The Committee, after hearing the Council's Lead Officer, Miscellaneous Licensing thereon, noted that an appeal had been made to the Sheriff by Tayport Football Club against the decision on 15th March, 2022 to vary their market operator's licence.

5. TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR INSPECTION TESTS – EAST FIFE AREA

The Committee considered a report by Service Manager, Fleet Operations on annual inspection tests carried out on vehicles in the East Fife Area in April to July, 2022.

Motion

Councillor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor MacDiarmid, moved that those operators whose vehicles passed the test first time be congratulated and requested that letters be sent to ten operators failing the test reminding them of the standards expected for maintaining their vehicles and one operator, whose vehicle failed the test, should be brought in for a meeting with the Convener & Depute Convener regarding the maintenance of her vehicles as she has had vehicles failing the test in the past.

Amendment

Councillor Lothian, seconded by Councillor Tepp, moved, as an Amendment, that those operators whose vehicles passed the test first time be congratulated and requested that letters be sent to all operators failing the test reminding them of the standards expected for maintaining their vehicles.

Vote

Amendment - 6 Motion - 8

Decision

The Committee, having heard the Fleet Operations Manager on the report and, following discussion:

- (1) congratulated those operators whose vehicles passed the test first time; and
- (2) agreed that letters be sent to ten operators failing the test reminding them of the standards expected for maintaining their vehicles and one operator, whose vehicle failed the test, would be brought in for a meeting with the Convener & Depute Convener regarding the maintenance of her vehicles as she has had vehicles failing the test in the past.

6. TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR INSPECTION TESTS – LEVENMOUTH ZONE

The Committee considered a report by Service Manager, Fleet Operations on annual inspection tests carried out on vehicles in the Levenmouth Zone in April to June, 2022.

Decision

The Committee, having heard the Fleet Operations Manager on the report and, following discussion:

- (1) congratulated those operators whose vehicles passed the test first time; and
- (2) agreed that letters be sent to the two operators failing the test reminding them of the standards expected for maintaining their vehicles.

7. TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR INSPECTION TESTS – WEST FIFE AREA

The Committee considered a report by Service Manager, Fleet Operations on annual inspection tests carried out on vehicles in the West Fife Area in May and June, 2022.

Decision

The Committee, having heard the Fleet Operations Manager on the report and, following discussion:

- (1) congratulated those operators whose vehicles passed the test first time; and
- (2) agreed that letters be sent to the two operators failing the test reminding them of the standards expected for maintaining their vehicles.

8. CINEMAS ACT 1985 - VARIATION OF LICENSING CONDITIONS - THE BYRE THEATRE, ABBEY STREET, ST. ANDREWS - DURING SEPTEMBER AND NOVEMBER, 2022

The Committee considered a report by the Lead Officer, Miscellaneous Licensing on a request to vary licence conditions to allow the theatre to screen non-BBFC certified films.

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant permission to allow the non-BBFC certificated programme of films, from the list of titles circulated at Committee, to be shown in the Byre Theatre on specific dates in September and November 2022.

9. TAXI FARE SCALE REVIEW

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance & Corporate Services) advising of the requirement under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to review the taxi fare scales operating throughout the local authority area. Consultation is required to be carried out with representatives of taxi operators before any decision can be taken on the review. In order to enable a decision to be taken by this Committee and still allow appropriate time for advertising and the lodging of appeals, if any, a decision on the review would require to be taken at the meeting held on 6th September, 2022.

Decision

The Committee agreed that:-

- (a) a Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors Adams, Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Browne, Ellis, Lindsay and MacDougall consider the 2022 statutory review of taxi fares and related matters in Fife and meet with the representatives of taxi operators in Fife to make recommendations to this Committee on the level of fares for 2022/2023; and
- (b) a report be submitted to the Committee on 6th September, 2022 for a decision on what the fare scales will be for the twelve months following 5th December, 2022.

10. SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVERS LICENCES

The Council's Lead Officer, Miscellaneous Licensing reported to the Committee that a decision was taken by the Executive Director, Finance & Corporate Services using the powers given to her under Section 2 of the Council's List of Officer Powers 'Emergencies and Cases of Urgency' to suspend two taxi/private hire car drivers licences with immediate effect under paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 having advised the Convener of the Committee of this decision. The decision was taken as information had been received which had to be considered prior to this meeting of the Committee.

Decision

The Committee noted that two taxi/private hire car drivers licences had been suspended with immediate effect.

11. APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH COMMENTS HAD BEEN MADE

The Committee considered applications for licences by the undernoted and, having heard the representative for Police Scotland (Fife Division), the Council's Lead Officer, Miscellaneous Licensing, the Council's Civic Government Licensing Enforcement Officer (for the application at (k) below) and the applicants thereon, dealt with the applications as shown:-

8

Applicant Activity & Period of Licence Applied For

(a) Ugur Emre Late Hours Catering for premises at

13 Bell Street, St. Andrews

Until 3.00 am 7 days (new application)

3 year

Motion

Councillor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor O'Brien, moved that the licence be granted with a warning.

Amendment

Councillor MacDiarmid, seconded by Councillor Ballantyne-Wardlaw, moved, as an Amendment, that the licence be refused.

Vote

Amendment - 3 Motion - 11

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

(b) Ugur Emre Late Hours Catering for premises at

149 Market Street, St. Andrews

Until 3.00 am 7 days (new application)

3 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

(c) Dragomir Asenov Taxi Driver

(new application)

1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to its next meeting to afford the Applicant a further opportunity to appear.

(d) Neil Cameron Taxi Driver

(new application)

3 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence.

Applicant Activity & Period of Licence Applied For

(e) David Cathie Taxi Driver

(new application)

3 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to its next meeting to afford the Applicant a further opportunity to appear.

(f) Nathan Connelly Taxi Driver

(new application)

1 year

<u>Motion</u>

Councillor Ellis, seconded by Councillor MacDougall, moved that the licence be granted.

Amendment

Councillor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Patrick, moved, as an Amendment, that the licence be granted with a warning.

<u>Vote</u>

Amendment - 6 Motion - 7

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence.

(g) Kevin Dent Taxi Driver

(new application)

1 year

<u>Motion</u>

Councillor O'Brien, seconded by Councillor Hayes, moved that the licence be granted.

<u>Amendment</u>

Councillor MacDiarmid, seconded by Councillor Ballantyne-Wardlaw, moved, as an Amendment, that the licence be granted with a warning.

Vote

Amendment - 3 Motion - 10

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence.

(h) Nicola Gough Taxi Driver

(new application)

1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to its next meeting to afford the Applicant a further opportunity to appear.

(i) Grant Kennedy Taxi Driver

(new application)

1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to its next meeting to afford the Applicant a further opportunity to appear.

(j) Sean Kitchener Taxi Driver

(renewal) 1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to its next meeting to afford the Applicant a further opportunity to appear.

(k) Mahmood Rashid Taxi Driver

(new application)

3 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to delegate the decision to the Lead Officer (Miscellaneous Licensing) and the Civic Government Licensing Enforcement Officer to take a decision on the application following a meeting with the Applicant.

The Applicants had been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting and with the exception of the Applicants at (c), (e), (h), (i) and (j) were all present and heard.

The warning given to the Applicant at (a) and (b) above was that any future misdemeanours brought to the attention of the Committee could result in suspension of the licence.

(Councillor Lindsay left the meeting following consideration of item (f) above).

12. REQUEST FOR RECALL OF IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE

(Previous Minute Reference: para. 416 of 2021.R.L.400 refers)

The Committee considered a request from the undernoted to recall the immediate suspension of his taxi/private hire car driver's licence which was made under paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and, having heard the representative for Police Scotland (Fife Division) and the Council's Lead Officer (Miscellaneous Licensing) as well as the applicant thereon, dealt with the request as shown:-.

Applicant No. of Previous Licence and Length of Suspension

Sirfraz Mohammed 8853/0040981 - suspended until expiry date of licence

being 10 December 2022

Motion

Councillor Ellis, seconded by Councillor Watt, moved that the suspension of the licence be recalled and the licence be returned to the applicant with a warning.

Amendment

Councillor MacDiarmid, seconded by Councillor Ballantyne-Wardlaw, moved, as an Amendment, that the suspension of the licence should not be recalled and should remain in effect.

Vote

Amendment - 4 Motion - 8

Decision

The Committee agreed to recall the immediate suspension of the above licence.

The licence was returned to the applicant and he was warned that any future misdemeanours brought to the attention of the Committee could result in suspension of the licence.

The applicant had been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting and was present and heard.

13. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee resolved, under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

14. APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH POLICE COMMENTS HAD BEEN MADE

The Committee considered applications for licences by the undernoted and, having heard the representative for Police Scotland (Fife Division) and the applicants thereon, dealt with the applications as shown:-

Applicant Activity & Period of Licence Applied For

(a) Gillian Aitken Taxi Driver

(new application)

1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to its next meeting to afford the Applicant a further opportunity to appear.

(b) Morgan Dick Taxi Driver

(new application)

1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to its next meeting to afford the Applicant a further opportunity to appear.

(c) William Fitzsimmons Taxi Driver

(renewal)

1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence.

(d) Tomas Kristof Taxi Driver

(new application)

1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to its next meeting to afford the Applicant a further opportunity to appear.

(e) James McCarthy Taxi Driver

(temporary application)

6 weeks

Decision

The Committee noted that the Applicant now wished to withdraw his application for a taxi driver's licence.

(f) Zoe McIntyre Taxi Driver

(new application)

1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence.

(g) George Morris Taxi Driver

(renewal)

1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence.

(h) William Penman Taxi Driver

(renewal) 1 year

Decision

The Committee noted that the Applicant now wished to withdraw his application for a taxi driver's licence.

(i) Kashif Rehman Taxi Driver

(new application)

1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence.

(j) David Sinclair Taxi Driver

(renewal)

3 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to its next meeting to afford the Applicant a further opportunity to appear.

The Applicants had been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting and with the exception of the Applicants at (a), (b), (d), (e) and (j) were present and heard.

15. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF LICENCES

The Committee considered exercising power of suspension under paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in respect of the undernoted licences, and, having heard the representative for Police Scotland (Fife Division) thereon, dealt with the licences as shown:-

<u>Licenceholder</u> <u>Type and No. of Licence & Expiry Date</u>

(a) Greg McColl Taxi Driver

1760/0045808

Expiry Date: 16th June 2025

Decision

The Committee agreed not to suspend the licence subject to further satisfactory information being received from the licenceholder within the duration of the licence.

(b) Dobromir Stoyanov Taxi Driver

1671/0043938

Expiry Date: 20th September 2024

Decision

The Committee agreed to suspend the licence.

The Committee thereafter took a decision on the length of suspension.

Decision

The Committee agreed to suspend the licence until its expiry being 20th September, 2024, this being with immediate effect.

The licenceholders had been invited to attend and be represented. The licenceholder at (a) was present and heard. The licenceholder at (b) was not present.

The grounds for suspension of the licence at (b) above were that (i) the licenceholder was no longer considered to be a fit and proper person to hold the licence; and (ii) the carrying on of the activity to which the licence related was likely to cause a threat to public safety.

16. OPPOSED APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered applications for licences by the undernoted in respect of which police objections had been intimated and, having heard the representative for Police Scotland (Fife Division), dealt with the applications as shown:-

Applicant Activity and period of licence applied for

(a) Michael Foy Street Trader selling hot & cold food

Monday – Friday from 7.00 am – 2.00 pm

(new application)

1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to refuse the licence.

Activity and period of licence applied for **Applicant**

(b) James Cunningham Taxi Driver

> (renewal) 1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to refuse the licence.

Activity and period of licence applied for <u>Applicant</u>

(c) Kaan Polat Taxi Driver

(new application)

1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to its next meeting to afford the Applicant a further opportunity to appear.

The applicants and objector had been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting. Neither of the above applicants were in attendance.

(Councillor Tepp left the meeting following consideration of item (a) above).

The reason for refusal of the application at (a) above was that the Applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold the licence applied for in view of the nature and extent of previous convictions recorded against him.

The reason for refusal of the application at (b) above was that the Applicant was no longer considered to be a fit and proper person to hold such a licence in view of the nature and extent of charges recorded against him, having regard to the activity he had applied for.

Regulation and Licensing Committee



6th September, 2022

Agenda Item No. 4

Taxi Fare Scale Review

Report by: Eileen Rowand, Executive Director, Finance & Corporate Services

Wards Affected: All

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to invite the Committee to consider the information provided in relation to the review of fares and to agree a fares tariff and charges for 2022/2023.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to:

- consider the recommendations of the Taxi Fare Scale Review Sub-Committee and agree a fares tariff and charges for 2022/2023;
- authorise/remit to:-
 - (i) the Executive Director, Finance & Corporate Services to advertise the proposed tariff for 2022/2023; and
 - (ii) the Taxi Fare Scale Review Sub-Committee to consider any further representations following the advertisement of the proposed tariff.
- note that any person may have the opportunity to make representations in writing within one month of the first publication of the proposed scales. Thereafter the fixed scales will be advertised giving any person who operates a taxi or any person or any organisation appearing to the Traffic Commissioner to be a representative of taxi operators the opportunity to appeal to the Scottish Traffic Commissioner within a 14 day period.

Resource Implication

Staff time in arranging:

- for all vehicles to have their meters recalibrated, if necessary;
- to write to all those who submitted representations advising them of the proposed fare scales and allowing for appeals; and
- > to advertise the proposed fares in the newspapers.

Legal & Risk Implications

There is a statutory requirement to complete the review within 18 months of the previous review which was effective from 2nd December, 2019 but has been delayed due to the pandemic.

Policy & Impact Assessment

As this review is carried out annually, there is no requirement for any impact assessment.

Consultation

The Taxi Fare Scale Review Sub-Committee met with taxi/private hire car operators/taxi association representatives in Fife on 25th August, 2022 to consider the written representations received and to hear their views. The note of that meeting is contained within Appendix 1 to this report.

The Sub-Committee then considered the representations made to it and noted that the Associations previously commented that it was essential for them to obtain an increase in fares on an annual basis to allow them to keep up their ever-increasing costs. The Sub-Committee also took into consideration the costs of running a taxi business, drivers' wages, running costs for cars, maintenance, cost of replacing vehicles, cost of fuel and insurance.

Those members of the Sub-Committee present at the meeting were of the view that there should be an increase in the existing fares this year and that the increase should be a fair increase for both operators and the public. The increase proposed is based on information in the written representations received.

A table showing sample tariffs from other Licensing Authorities as at August 2022 is contained in Appendix 2.

The existing tariff of fares and other charges is contained in Appendix 3.

The proposed tariff of fares and other charges from 5th December, 2022 is contained in Appendix 4.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At the meeting on 9th August, 2022 (paragraph 9 of 2022.R.L.4 refers) the Committee agreed that:
 - ➤ A Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors Tom Adams, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Patrick Browne, Gavin Ellis, Carol Lindsay and Julie MacDougall consider the 2022 statutory review of taxi fares and related matters in Fife and meet with the representatives of taxi operators in Fife to make recommendations to this Committee on the level of fares for 2022/2023; and

- A report be submitted to the Committee on 6th September, 2022 for a decision on what the fare scale will be for the 12 months following 5th December, 2022.
- 1.2 The report is submitted in implementation of the above decision.

2.0 Issues and Options

2.1 It has previously been agreed that the review of fares would be carried out at twelve monthly intervals and to allow this to happen in this timescale the Committee has to decide the level of fares and other charges at this meeting.

The Committee can agree:-

- to accept the proposals put forward by the Sub-Committee for an increase in fares and other charges;
- > not to make any changes to the current fare scales and other charges; or
- to make different changes to the fares and other charges than those recommended by the Sub-Committee.

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 Those members of the Sub-Committee, who were present at the meeting on 25th August, were of the view, given the information provided, that there was justification for an increase in the level of fares this year.
- 3.2 It, accordingly, made the following recommendations:
 - (i) there be an increase in fares for the 12 months from 5th December, 2022 as follows:-
 - The flag be increased from £3.20 to £3.60 and the additional yardage be decreased from 900 yards to 600 yards at stages 1 and 2; and
 - (ii) the decision of the Committee be advertised in the press to allow for any representations which would thereafter be considered by the Taxi Fare Scale Review Sub-Committee with the final fixed scales being intimated to all operators of taxis operating in Fife.
- A table showing the proposed tariff in more detail, including percentage increase, is contained in Appendix 5.

Background Papers

- The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
- The current Taxi Fare Scale, with effect from 2nd December, 2019
- Private Hire and Taxi Monthly newspaper
- The other documents contained in Appendices 1 and 2 to this report

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NOTE OF MEETING HELD IN TOWN HOUSE, KIRKCALDY ON 25TH AUGUST, 2022 TO REVIEW TAXI FARE SCALES

PRESENT: Councillors Tom Adams, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Patrick Browne,

Gavin Ellis and Julie MacDougall.

ATTENDING: Gillian Love, Lead Officer (Miscellaneous Licensing) and Craig Ritchie,

Civic Government Licensing Enforcement Officer.

ALSO

ATTENDING: John Aitchison, West Fife Taxi Owners' Association and Robert Gregory,

West Fife Taxi Operator, Sam Green, Magnum Taxis, Leven, Mitch Harley and Keith Wardhaugh, both Taxi Centre, Leven, Dawn Hunter, Kirkcaldy Taxi Owners' Association, Jack McDowell, representing Colin Fraser, Glenrothes Private Hire & Taxi Association and William Watson,

Glenrothes Taxi Association.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Carol Lindsay, Chris Chandler, Ellis Taxis, Kirkcaldy, Colin

Fraser, Glenrothes Private Hire & Taxi Association, John Gibb, Gibb Taxis,

Cupar and Lorraine Kennedy, Bob's Taxis, Leven.

REVIEW OF TAXI FARE SCALE

Councillor Tom Adams opened the meeting by welcoming the operators and explained that this meeting had been called as part of the annual review of taxi fare scales to consider representations submitted on behalf of the taxi operators. There were eight written representations received, one from John Aitchison for and on behalf of West Fife Taxi Owners' Association, one from Ellis Taxis, Kirkcaldy, one from Colin Fraser for and on behalf of Glenrothes Private Hire & Taxi Association, one from Gibb's Taxis Ltd., Cupar, one from Magnum Taxis, Leven, one from Dawn Hunter for and on behalf of Kirkcaldy Taxi Owners' Association, one from Bob's Taxis, Leven and one from William Watson for and on behalf of Glenrothes Taxi Association as follows:

<u>John Aitchison, West Fife Taxi Association</u> – Proposed that the flag be increased from £3.20 to £4.00 at Stage 1 or alternatively the flag be increased from £3.20 to £3.60 and the additional yardage be decreased from 900 yards to 600 yards.

<u>Ellis Taxis, Kirkcaldy</u> - A fare increase would help offset the increase in fuel costs as well as other increasing costs. However, the submission did not give any specific proposals.

<u>Colin Fraser, Glenrothes Private Hire and Taxi Association</u> - Proposed that there be no increase in fares at this review.

<u>Gibb's Taxis Ltd., Cupar</u> - Proposed that they would be against any large increases in fares but suggested that all journeys with five or more passengers be charged at Stage 2 regardless of the time of travel. However, if the larger vehicle had four passengers or less then this fare would still be charged at Stage 1 rate. They also suggested an allowance on the extras for a fuel charge if the price of fuel exceeds differing amounts.

<u>Magnum Taxis, Leven</u> - Proposed that the flag be increased from £3.20 to £3.60 and the additional yardage be decreased from 900 yards to 800 yards. They also proposed that the additional yardage after the flag should still be 150 yards however it should be increased from 20 pence to 25 pence.

<u>Dawn Hunter, Kirkcaldy Taxi Owner's Association</u> – Their membership was split with half proposing there be no increase in fares at this review and the other half proposing that the additional yardage be decreased.

Bob's Taxis, Leven – Proposed that there be no increase in the fares at this review.

<u>William Watson, Glenrothes Taxi Association</u> - Proposed that there be an increase in the flag or by reducing the initial yardage or additional yardage.

Councillor Adams gave each of the representatives in attendance an opportunity to speak to their representation or give their views and Gillian Love advised that the proposals for amending/not amending the taxi fare scales would be considered by the Sub-Committee and a recommendation would be submitted to the Regulation & Licensing Committee on 6th September, 2022. Gillian also advised that following a decision by the Committee, the proposed tariff would be advertised in the local press and would allow for any further representations. If any such representations were received, these would be considered by the Sub-Committee prior to any final tariff being advertised in the local press which would also state the rights of appeal.

Thereafter, if no appeal has been submitted to the Traffic Commissioner, it was hoped that the date for implementation of any new fare scales would be 5th December, 2022.

All operators in attendance at the meeting, apart from Jack McDowell who was representing Colin Fraser for and on behalf of Glenrothes Private Hire & Taxi Association, were in agreement that there be an increase in the fares and charges at this review. The Taxi Centre, Leven representatives at the meeting advised that they would be happy with the West Fife Taxi Operators' Association proposals.

Other issues raised during the discussion included:

- Dawn Hunter asking if those Operators who held three-year licences would get an
 extra three months if they had applied before the pandemic. Gillian Love advised that
 those operators would receive a one-off extra three months on their licence at renewal.
- Dawn also asked if those Operators Licences that had been applied for prior to renewal
 were due to be issued soon. Gillian Love advised that the Licensing Team were
 working on the Vehicle Operators Licences with a view to getting as many renewals
 processed as is possible.
- William Watson asked if the Council would consider allowing advertising on taxis.
 Gillian Love advised that if any Operators wished to submit proposals for potential advertising the Council would consider these proposals.
- William asked if operators could transfer existing vehicles over five years' old to other Operators. Gillian Love advised that the age- based rule was brought in to have safer vehicles on the road and therefore if any vehicles over 5 years old were going off the road they could not be substituted on another Operators' vehicles.
- William also asked if there were any Council incentives to substitute vehicles with electric vehicles. Gillian Love advised that there may be incentives through Energy Saving Trust.
- William then asked if it was a possibility to look at licensing Smart cars to carry one passenger. Gillian Love advised that she would discuss this with Fleet Operations.
- William's last question was on the length of time it was taking for a new Taxi
 Driver's Licence to be approved and issued. Gillian Love advised that the Licensing
 Team had all new applications received in the system up to the middle of August
 and would be processing any further new applications as soon as possible.

The Bryan Roland Memorial NATIONAL HACKNEY FARES TABLE AUGUST 2022

TABLE COLOUR CODE RISE IN 2022 RISE IN 2021 RISE IN 2020 RISE IN 2019 RISE IN 2018 RISE IN 2017 RISE IN 2016 RISE IN 2015 RISE IN 2014 RISE IN 2013 RISE IN 2012 RISE IN 2011 RISE IN 2010 RISE IN 2009 RISE IN 2008 NO SET FARE

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POSITION	TARIFF ONE	TWO MILE Fare	POSITION	TARIFF ONE	TWO MILE FARE	POSITION	TARIFF ONE	TWO MILE FARE
POSI	COUNCIL/AIRPORT	TW0 FA	Posi	COUNCIL	TW0 FA	Posi	COUNCIL	TWO
1	LONDON (HEATHROW)	£13.40	66	RUGBY	£7.10	131	HAVANT	£6.60
2	GUILDFORD	£10.00	67	WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD	£7.10	132	HIGH PEAK	£6.60
3	EPSOM & EWELL	£9.80	68	HARBOROUGH	£7.09	133	MEDWAY	£6.60
4	LONDON	£9.80	69	SEVENOAKS	£7.06	134	MORAY (x)	£6.60
5	LUTON AIRPORT STEVENAGE	£9.70 £8.70	70	BROMSGROVE EAST LOTHIAN	£7.00	135	NORTH HERTS NORWICH	£6.60 £6.60
7	WATFORD (x)	£8.40	71	EDINBURGH	£7.00 £7.00	137	PLYMOUTH	£6.60
8	UTTLESFORD	£8.30	73	HERTSMERE	£7.00	138	RUNNYMEDE	£6.60
9	CARRICK	£8.20	74	MACCLESFIELD	£7.00	139	SCARBOROUGH	£6.60
10	WOKINGHAM	£8.20	75	SLOUGH	£7.00	140	SHETLAND ISLES	£6.60
11	BRENTWOOD	£8.10	76	TONBRIDGE & MALLING	£7.00	141	TEIGNBRIDGE	£6.60
12	BRECKLAND	00.83	77	WELWYN HATFIELD	£7.00	142	ASHFORD	£6.50
13	MAIDSTONE READING	£8.00	78	WILTSHIRE CRAVEN	£7.00 £6.99	143	BASSETLAW CALDERDALE	£6.50 £6.50
15	STROUD	£8.00	79 80	SANDWELL	£6.99	145	DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL	£6.50
16	TORRIDGE	£8.00	81	COLCHESTER	£6.90	146	EREWASH	£6.50
17	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	£8.00	82	EASTBOURNE	£6.90	147	HUNTINGDONSHIRE	£6.50
18	ISLE OF MAN	£7.90	83	VALE OF WHITE HORSE	£6.90	148	LIVERPOOL	£6.50
19	RESTORMEL	£7.90	84	WORCESTER CITY	£6.90	149	LUTON	£6.50
20	BRACKNELL FOREST	£7.80	85	ADUR	£6.80	150	ORKNEY	£6.50
21	BRIGHTON & HOVE	£7.80	86	BEDFORD	£6.80	151	SOUTH SOMERSET	£6.50
22	SURREY HEATH WAVERLEY	£7.80 £7.80	87	BOSTON	08.83	152 153	WORTHING CHESTERFIELD	£6.50 £6.45
24	CHELMSFORD	£7.70	88	CARMARTHENSHIRE CARADON	£6.80 £6.80	154	HYNDBURN	£6.42
25	GUERNSEY	£7.70	90	EAST LINDSEY	£6.80	155	BASILDON	£6.40
26	WEALDON	£7.70	91	FIFE	£6.80	156	BLAENAU GWENT	£6.40
27	ВСР	£7.65	92	GLASGOW	£6.80	157	BRISTOL	£6.40
28	EAST AYRSHIRE	£7.60	93	GLOUCESTER	£6.80	158	COUNTY OF HEREFORD	£6.40
29	BASINGSTOKE & DEANE	£7.60	94	GRAVESHAM	£6.80	159	CREWE & NANTWICH	£6.40
30	CHELTENHAM KERRIER	£7.40 £7.60	95	HART (x)	£6.80	160	EAST HAMPSHIRE EAST RENFREW	£6.40
32	MONMOUTHSHIRE	£7.60	96	MID DEVON	08.83	162	HASTINGS	£6.40
33	OXFORD CITY	£7.60	98	NORTH CORNWALL	£6.80 £6.80	163	HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	£6.40
34	RUSHMOOR	£7.60	99	NORTH WARWICK	£6.80	164	IPSWICH	£6.40
35	SOUTHAMPTON	£7.60	100	NOTTINGHAM	£6.80	165	LEEDS	£6.40
36	TORBAY	£7.51	101	SEDGEMOOR	£6.80	166	LINCOLN	£6.40
37	JERSEY	£7.43	102	SOMERSET WEST & TAUNTON	£6.80	167	MELTON	£6.40
38	CANTERBURY HARROGATE	£7.40 £7.40	103	SWALE	08.83	168	MID SUFFOLK NORTH KESTEVEN	£6.40 £6.40
40	MID SUSSEX	£7.40	105	TENDRING VALE OF GLAMORGAN	£6.80 £6.80	170	SHROPSHIRE	£6.40
41	SOUTH AYRSHIRE	£7.40	106	WOLVERHAMPTON	£6.80	171	SOUTHEND ON SEA	£6.40
42	TEWKESBURY	£7.40	107	NUNEATON & BEDWORTH	£6.75	172	TAMESIDE	£6.40
43	WEST BERKSHIRE	£7.40	108	MALVERN HILLS	£6.72	173	WEST LINDSEY	£6.40
44	CAMBRIDGE CITY	£7.30	109	ANGUS	£6.70	174	WOKING	£6.40
45	DARTFORD	£7.30	110	BRAINTREE	£6.70	175	PERTH & KINROSS	£6.33
46	NORTH DEVON SOUTH CAMBRIDGE	£7.30 £7.30	111	CHESTER CONGLETON	£6.70 £6.70	176	NEWARK & SHERWOOD BLACKBURN	£6.32 £6.30
48	WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	£7.30	113	CRAWLEY	£6.70	178	BURY	£6.30
49	ARUN	£ 7.20	114	EASTLEIGH	£6.70	179	COTSWOLD (y)	£6.30
50	BATH & NORTH EAST SOMERSET	£7.20	115	FYLDE	£6.70	180	COVENTRY	£6.30
51	DORSET	£7.20	116	MANCHESTER	£6.70	181	DACORUM	£6.30
52	EAST NORTHANTS	£7.20	117	NORTH SOMERSET	£6.70	182	DARLINGTON	£6.30
53 54	NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE PORTSMOUTH UA	£7.20 £7.20	118	NORTH TYNESIDE	£6.70	183	PEMBROKESHIRE	£6.30
55	REIGATE & BANSTEAD	£7.20	119	SHEFFIELD SOUTH LAKELAND	£6.70 £6.70	185	SOUTH HOLLAND	£6.30
56	SOUTH GLOUCESTER	£7.20	121	SWINDON	£6.70	186	SOUTH RIBBLE	£6.30
57	ROTHER	£7.20	122	THREE RIVERS	£6.70	187	DUNDEE CITY	£6.28
58	YORK	£7.20	123	SOUTH HAMS	£6.66	188	FOREST OF DEAN	£6.27
59	EAST DEVON	£7.15	124	CARLISLE	26.60	189	BABERGH	£6.26
60	ARGYLL & BUTE	£7.13	125	CONWY	£6.60	190	REDDITCH	£6.25
61	DOVER	£7.10	126	DUDLEY (NORTH)	09.63	191	MIDLOTHIAN	£6.22
62	ISLE OF WIGHT MENDIP	£7.10 £7.10	127	EAST SUFFOLK (NORTH) EDEN	£6.60	192	THANET BIRMINGHAM	£6.21 £6.20
64	MOLE VALLEY	£7.10	129	EXETER	£6.60	193	CHICHESTER 23	£6.20
65	PENWITH	£7.10	130	HARLOW	£6.60	195	CHORLEY	£6.20

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POSITION	COUNCIL	TWO MIL Fare	POSITION	COUNCIL	TWO MIII Fare
196	DAVENTRY	£6.20	261	EAST RIDING	£5.85
197	DERBY	£6.20	262	BARNSLEY	£5.80
198	EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£6.20	263	BARROW IN FURNESS	£5.80
199	EAST SUFFOLK (SOUTH) FALKIRK	£6.20	264 265	BRIDGEND FAREHAM	£5.80 £5.80
200	FENLAND	£6.20	266	FLINTSHIRE	£5.80
202	FOLKESTONE & HYTHE	£6.20	267	HALTON	£5.80
203	HORSHAM	£6.20	268	HIGHLAND (x)	£5.80
204	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	£6.20	269	LEICESTER	£5.80
205	NORTHAMPTON	£6.20	270	LICHFIELD	£5.80
206	NORTHUMBERLAND	£6.20	271	MERTHYR TYDFIL	£5.80
207	ROCHFORD	£6.20	272	NEATH PORT TALBOT NORTHERN IRELAND	£5.80 £5.80
208	SOLIHULL SPELTHORNE	£6.20	274	NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	£5.80
210	ST ALBANS	£6.20	275	NORTH NORFOLK	£5.80
211	STRATFORD ON AVON	£6.20	276	RUTHERGLEN (x)	£5.80
212	SUNDERLAND	£6.20	277	SEFTON	£5.80
213	WEST OXFORD	£6.20	278	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE (Clydesdale)	£5.80
214	WINCHESTER	£6.20	279	TRAFFORD	£5.80
215	WYCHAVON	£6.20	280	WEST SUFFOLK	£5.80
216	WYRE FOREST	£6.14	281	WYRE	£5.80 £5.80
218	CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE	£6.13	283	YNS MON	£5.80
219	ABERDEENSHIRE CANNOCK CHASE	£6.10 £6.10	284	DONCASTER	£5.75
220	CARDIFF	£6.10	285	NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE	£5.75
221	CLACKMANNAN	£6.10	286	CAERPHILLY	£5.70
222	EAST HERTS	£6.10	287	GEDLING	£5.70
223	ELMBRIDGE	£6.10	288	RENFREWSHIRE	£5.70
224	NEW FOREST	£6.10	289	ST HELENS	£5.70
225	TAMWORTH	£6.10	290	STIRLING (x) SWANSEA	£5.70 £5.70
227	SELBY CHARNWOOD	£6.06 £6.05	292	WARRINGTON	£5.70
228	SCOTTISH BORDERS	£6.05	293	BRADFORD	£5.60
229	ABERDEEN CITY	£6.00	294	GOSPORT	£5.60
230	ALLERDALE	£6.00	295	NEWPORT	£5.60
231	BLACKPOOL	£6.00	296	NORTH LANARKSHIRE	£5.60
232	BROXTOWE	£6.00	297	RUSHCLIFFE	£5.60
233	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	£6.00	298 299	WEST LOTHIAN (x) WREXHAM	£5.60 £5.60
234	CASTLE POINT DENBIGHSHIRE	£6.00	300	CHERWELL	£5.56
236	SOUTH LANARKSHIRE (East Kilbride)	£6.00	301	NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	£5.55
237	EAST STAFFORDSHIRE	£6.00	302	INVERCLYDE	£5.54
238	GREAT YARMOUTH	£6.00	303	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY	£5.50
239	GWYNEDD	£6.00	304	EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE	£5.50
240	KETTERING	£6.00	305	EPPING FOREST	£5.50
241	KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK	£6.00	306	HAMBLETON	£5.50
242	KNOWSLEY LANCASTER	£6.00	307	OLDHAM ROCHDALE	£5.50 £5.50
243	MILTON KEYNES	£6.00	309	TORFAEN	£5.50
244	NORTH WEST LEICESTER	£6.00	310	CEREDIGION	£5.46
246	PETERBOROUGH	£6.00	311	SALFORD	£5.46
247	POWYS	£6.00	312	CLYDEBANK	£5.40
248	RICHMONDSHIRE	26.00	313	DUNBARTON & VALE OF LEVEN (x)	£5.40
249	RYEDALE	£6.00	314	ELLESMERE PORT	£5.40
250	SOUTH TYNESIDE	00.63	315	HARTLEPOOL	£5.40
251	TEST VALLEY (x)	£6.00	316	PRESTON ROTHERHAM	£5.40 £5.40
252	TEST VALLEY (x) THURROCK	£6.00	318	MANSFIELD	£5.40
254	WARWICK	£6.00	319	NORTH AYRSHIRE	£5.30
255	WIRRAL	£6.00	320	RIBBLE VALLEY	£5.30
256	BROXBOURNE	£5.90	321	SOUTH KESTEVEN	£5.30
257	STAFFORD	£5.90	322	VALE ROYAL	£5.30
258	STOKE-ON-TRENT UA	£5.90	323	BLABY	£5.24
259	TANDRIDGE WALSALL	£5.90 £5.90	324 325	AMBER VALLEY BOLTON	£5.20
200	WALVALL	23.30	323	DOLION	£5.20

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326	HAMILTON	(x)		£5.20
327	RHONDDA CYNON TAFF			£5.20
328	STAFFS MOORLANDS			£5.20
329	WAKEFIELD			£5.20
330	WEST LANCASHIRE			£5.20
331	GATESHEAD			£5.10
332	SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE			£5.10
333	STOCKTON ON TEES			£5.10
334	COPELAND			£5.00
335	KIRKLEES			£5.00
336	ROSSENDALE			£5.00
337	SOUTH NORTHANTS			£5.00
338	CORBY			£4.90
339	MIDDLESBROUGH			£4.90
340	TELFORD & WREKIN			£4.90
341	WELLINGBOROUGH			£4.90
342	WESTERN ISLES	(x)		£4.8

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DERBYSHIRE DALES

BOLSOVER

REDCAR & CLEVELAND

OADBY & WIGSTON

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE

SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE

SOUTH NORFOLK

WEST DEVON

BURNI FY

PENDLE

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- Councils 350-355 do not impose a hackney fare tariff. Individual drivers charge an agreed fare prior to the journey
- (x) a fare update has been passed by the council, but the two-mile fare has not increased
- (y) a fare update has been passed by the council but the two-mile tariff has decreased

NATIONAL AVERAGE TWO MILE HACKNEY FARE TARIFF ONE

IS NOW £6.46

Nationwide fare increases during May-July 2022 have resulted in the average two-mile hackney fare rising by £0.24

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NO SET FARE



Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 FARE PLATE FOR TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE CARS FITTED WITH A TAXI METER

(i) Stage 1 For hirings begun between 6.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m.

If the distance does not exceed 900 yards (823 metres) - for the whole distance - £3.20

If the distance exceeds 900 yards - for the first 900 yards - £3.20

For each additional 150 yards (137 metres) or uncompleted part thereof - 20p

Stage 2 For hirings begun between 10.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. or where the hire extends beyond the boundary of Fife

First 900 yards - £3.95 Subsequent yardage - plus 25% on Stage 1 rate

- (ii) Waiting Time Each period of 48 seconds 20p (i.e. £15.00 per hour)
- (iii) Extra Charges
 - (a) <u>Christmas/New Year</u> for hirings between 6.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. on 25th and 26th December and 1st and 2nd January and for hirings between 6.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. on 24th and 31st December
 - Plus 50% on Stage 1 rate

For hirings between 10.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. on 24th, 25th and 31st December and 1st January

- Plus 50% on Stage 2 rate
- (b) Excess Load Excess or abnormal luggage or load maximum charge £5.00
- (c) <u>Soiling Charge</u> anyone soiling a taxi is liable to a £60.00 charge
- N.B. The approved scale of fares are deemed by the Customs and Excise to be V.A.T. inclusive for the purposes of V.A.T. registered taxi operators.

These fares are effective from 2nd December, 2019
THIS PLATE TO BE DISPLAYED IN THE TAXI OR PRIVATE HIRE CAR IF FITTED WITH A TAXIMETER



Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 FARE PLATE FOR TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE CARS FITTED WITH A TAXI METER

(i) Stage 1 For hirings begun between 6.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m.

If the distance does not exceed 600 yards (549 metres) - for the whole distance - £3.60

If the distance exceeds 600 yards - for the first 600 yards - £3.60

For each additional 150 yards (137 metres) or uncompleted part thereof - 20p

Stage 2 For hirings begun between 10.00 p.m. and 6.00 a.m. or where the hire extends beyond the boundary of Fife

First 600 yards - £4.50 Subsequent yardage - plus 25% on Stage 1 rate

- (ii) Waiting Time Each period of 48 seconds 20p (i.e. £15.00 per hour)
- (iii) Extra Charges
 - (a) <u>Christmas/New Year</u> for hirings between **6.00 a.m. and 10.00 p.m. on 25th and 26th December and 1st and 2nd January** and for hirings between **6.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m. on 24th and 31st December**
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- (c) <u>Soiling Charge</u> anyone soiling a taxi is liable to a £60.00 charge
- N.B. The approved scale of fares are deemed by the Customs and Excise to be V.A.T. inclusive for the purposes of V.A.T. registered taxi operators.

These fares are effective from 5th December, 2022
THIS PLATE TO BE DISPLAYED IN THE TAXI OR PRIVATE HIRE CAR IF FITTED WITH A TAXIMETER

Current December 2019 Farescale

		Stage 1						Stage 2				
	Flag	1 Mile	2 Mile	5 Mile	10 Mile		Flag	1 Mile	2 Mile	5 Mile	10 Mile	
Full cost of fare	£3.20	£4.35	£6.70	£13.74	£25.48		£3.95	£5.44	£8.38	£17.18	£31.85	

New proposal - Flag increased by 40p to £3.60 for 600 yards instead of 900 yards

		Stage 1					Stage 2				
	Flag	1 Mile	2 Mile	5 Mile	10 Mile	Flag	1 Mile	2 Mile	5 Mile	10 Mile	
Full cost of fare	£3.60	£5.15	£7.50	£14.54	£26.28	£4.50	£6.44	£9.38	£18.18	£32.85	

Cumulative		Stage 1					Stage 2				
Cost Increases From Current	Flag	1 Mile	2 Mile	5 Mile	10 Mile	Flag	1 Mile	2 Mile	5 Mile	10 Mile	
	£0.40	£0.80	£0.80	£0.80	£0.80	£0.55	£1.00	£1.00	£1.00	£1.00	
Cumulative			Stage 1					Stage 2			
Percentage Increases From Current	Flag	1 Mile	2 Mile	5 Mile	10 Mile	Flag	1 Mile	2 Mile	5 Mile	10 Mile	
	12.50%	18.39%	11.94%	5.82%	3.14%	13.92%	18.39%	11.94%	5.82%	3.14%	

Running Mile	
Stage	Stage
1	2
£2.35	£2.93