

**Conference Room 2, Ground Floor, Fife House, Glenrothes
Tuesday, 12th March, 2024 - 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.
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CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

4. **SUSPENSION OF TAXI/PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE** - To report to the Committee that a decision was taken by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services using the powers given to her under Section 2 of the Council's List of Officer Powers 'Emergencies and Cases of Urgency' in consultation with the Convener and Depute Convener of the Committee, to suspend a taxi driver's licence with immediate effect under paragraph 12 of Schedule 1 to the above Act. This decision was taken as information had been received from Police Scotland (Fife Division) and had to be considered prior to this meeting of the Committee.
5. **CINEMAS ACT 1985 - VARIATION OF LICENSING CONDITIONS - THE BYRE THEATRE, ABBEY STREET, ST. ANDREWS - 19 - 21 APRIL 2024** 13 - 17
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<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Period of Licence Applied For</u>
(i) James Anderson	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year

	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Period of Licence Applied For</u>
(ii)	Robert Green	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year
(iii)	Muhammad Tahir	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year

N.B. The applicants and those making representation have been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting.

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

- 8. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF LICENCE** - The Committee is asked to consider exercising power of suspension under paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in respect of the undernoted licence, and, in terms of sub-paragraph (7) of said paragraph 11 to afford the licenceholder an opportunity to be heard. The representative for Police Scotland (Fife Division) will report.

<u>Licenceholder</u>	<u>Type, No. of Licence & Expiry Date</u>
Adil Khaleel	Taxi Driver 1885/0048140 Expiry Date: 24 May 2026

- 9. APPLICATION IN RESPECT OF WHICH POLICE COMMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE** - Consideration of application for licence 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 applicant or their representative in support of the application:

	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Period of Licence Applied For</u>
(D)	Ernest Boundy	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year

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

(D) **Deferral - Consideration of the above application is continued from the meeting held on 13th February, 2024.**

- 10. 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>	<u>Period of Licence Applied For</u>
(i)	Thomas Docherty	Taxi Driver (new application)	1 year
(ii)	Amanat Shah	Taxi Driver (new application)	3 year

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

- 11. URGENT BUSINESS** - Any other items which the Chair decides are urgent.

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THE FIFE COUNCIL - REGULATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE - GLENROTHES

13th February, 2024

9.30 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Tom Adams (Convener), Patrick Browne, Carol Lindsay, Donald Lothian, David MacDiarmid, Julie MacDougall, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Gordon Pryde 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; and Sergeant Neil Ewing, Police Scotland (Fife Division).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Sean Dillon, Gavin Ellis, Alycia Hayes, Lea McLelland and Jonny Tepp.

85. **MINUTE**

The Committee considered the Minute of Meeting of the Regulation and Licensing Committee of 16th January, 2024.

Decision

The Committee approved the Minute.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

86. **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 above Act having advised the Convener and Depute 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.

87. **CINEMAS ACT 1985 – VARIATION OF LICENSING CONDITIONS - THE BYRE THEATRE, ABBEY STREET, ST. ANDREWS – 16 MARCH 2024**

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

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant permission to allow the non-BBFC certificated film, as circulated to the Committee, to be shown by the Byre Theatre on 16 March 2024.

88. TAXI FARE SCALE REVIEW

The Committee considered a report by Executive Director, Finance and 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 12th March, 2024.

Decision

The Committee agreed that:-

- (a) a Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors Adams, Browne, Hayes, Lindsay, MacDiarmid and Pryde consider the 2024 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 2024/2025; and
- (b) a report be submitted to the Committee on 12th March, 2024 for a decision on what the fare scales will be for the eighteen months following 3rd June, 2024.

89. MISCELLANEOUS LICENSING – REVIEW OF FEES

The Committee considered a report by Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services on proposals for an increase in the miscellaneous licensing fees.

Motion

Councillor Lindsay, seconded by Councillor Patrick, moved that officers go back and look at other options with more detailed information.

Amendment

Councillor Browne, seconded by Councillor Pryde, moved, as an amendment, to approve the fees detailed in Appendix 1 of the above report in respect of miscellaneous licensing fees with effect from 1st April 2024.

Vote

Amendment – 6
Motion – 3

Decision

The Committee, having heard the Council's Lead Officer, Miscellaneous Licensing on the report and following discussion, approved the proposed increases to miscellaneous licensing fees from 1st April, 2024.

90. CIVIC GOVERNMENT LICENSING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT

The Committee considered a report by Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services on the activities of the Civic Government Licensing Enforcement Officer from October to December, 2023.

Decision

The Committee, having heard the Civic Government Licensing Enforcement Officer on the report and following discussion, noted:-

- (1) the extensive and varied amount of work carried out by the Enforcement Officer during the three month period identified; and
- (2) that there would be further updates, on the activities of the Enforcement Officer, brought before the Committee on a regular basis.

91. 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 and the applicants thereon, dealt with the applications as shown:-

	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity & Period of Licence Applied For</u>
(a)	Jay Fotheringham	Street Trader selling ice-cream on a mobile basis in Fife – 7 days a week (renewal) 1 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

(b)	William Davie	Taxi Driver (new application) 3 year
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Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

(c)	Christopher Evans	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year
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Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

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| (d) | Seremaia Sovinasalevu | Taxi Driver
(new application)
1 year |
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Decision

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

The applicants had been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting. The applicants at (a), (b) and (c) were present and heard. The applicant at (d) was not in attendance.

Consideration of the application at (d) above was continued from the meeting held on 16th January, 2024.

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

(Councillor John O'Brien entered the meeting prior to consideration of the application at (b) above).

92. 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 below 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.

93. 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), and the licenceholder at (c) and his representative thereon, dealt with the licences as shown:-

	<u>Licenceholder</u>	<u>Type, No. of Licence & Expiry Date</u>
(a)	Two Sons	Skin Piercing and Tattooing 135/0047912 Expiry Date: 20 January 2026

	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity & Period of Licence Applied For</u>
(a)	Fife Vans and Trucks Ltd.	Second Hand Dealer selling used vehicles from The Garage, 12 High Street, Cowdenbeath Monday – Saturday 10.00am – 7.00pm (renewal) 3 year

Motion

Councillor MacDiarmid, seconded by Councillor Adams, moved that the licence be granted with a warning.

Amendment

Councillor Lothian, seconded by Councillor Lindsay, moved, as an amendment, that the licence be granted.

Vote

Amendment – 7

Motion – 3

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence.

(b)	Ernest Boundy	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year
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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)	Laura Harkins	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year
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Motion

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

Amendment

Councillor Pryde, seconded by Councillor MacDiarmid, moved, as an amendment, that the licence be granted with a warning.

Vote

Amendment – 6

Motion – 3

Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

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| (d) | Darren Lewis | Taxi Driver
(new application)
1 year |
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Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

The applicants had been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting. The applicants at (a), (c) and (d) were present and heard. The applicant at (b) was not in attendance.

Consideration of the applications at (c) and (d) above was continued from the meeting held on 16th January, 2024.

95. **OPPOSED APPLICATION**

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

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity and period of licence applied for</u>
Saad Khan	Taxi Driver (new application) 3 year

Decision

The Committee agreed to refuse the licence.

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

Consideration of the above application was continued from the meeting held on 16th January, 2024.

The reason for refusal of the above application 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 incidents he had been involved in.

12th March, 2024
Agenda Item No. 5

Cinemas Act 1985 – Variation of Licensing Conditions - The Byre Theatre, Abbey Street, St. Andrews - 19 - 21 April 2024

Report by: Gillian Love, Lead Officer, Miscellaneous Licensing

Wards Affected: ALL

Purpose:

The Council has received a request for authorisation to screen uncertificated films at the Byre Theatre, St. Andrews.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes this report; and
- (ii) grants permission to allow the uncertificated films, detailed in the information circulated, to be shown between 19 – 21 April 2024 at the Byre Theatre, St. Andrews

Resource Implication:

None

Legal & Risk Implications:

None

Policy & Impact Assessment:

None

Consultation:

None

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In March 2024 the Council received notice from a representative of the Byre Theatre regarding films due to be screened as part of the Sands: International Film Festival of St Andrews between 19 – 21 April 2024.
- 1.2 This films still have to be classified by the BBFC. Therefore, as required by the Council's Standard Conditions of Licence, the Byre Theatre is seeking permission for the films, detailed in the information circulated, to be shown. The committee has previously agreed to similar variations.
- 1.3 Committee members should note that any permitted variation would relate only to the films specified as circulated to members, and any films not so specified would be required to adhere to the Council's Standard Conditions of Licence.
- 1.4 This permission will apply, as appropriate, to the Byre Theatre on 19 – 21 April 2024 only.

2.0 Conclusions

- 2.1 Condition 3 of the Council's standard conditions, which applies to all cinema licences, states that:
No film shall be exhibited unless -
 - (a) it has received a "Uc", "U", "PG", "12A", "12", "15" or "18" certificate of the British Board of Film Classification; or
 - (b) it is a current news-reel which has not been submitted to the British Board of Film Classification.Full conditions are attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.2 However, condition 7 of the cinema licence conditions states a film may be exhibited, or persons or any class of persons, may be admitted thereto if the permission of the Licensing Authority is first obtained and any conditions of such permission are complied with.
- 2.3 The Committee has given approval for certain venues to show uncertificated films previously.

Background Papers

Fife Council Cinema Licensing Conditions

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CONDITIONS

1. The licence holder or the responsible manager, his deputy for the time being or occupier of the premises shall immediately communicate to the Chief Fire Officer of Fife Fire and Rescue Service any outbreak of fire, however slight.
2. All attendants on duty to assist persons entering or leaving the auditorium shall wear a distinguishing uniform, armband or badge.
3. No film shall be exhibited unless -
 - (a) it has received a "Uc", "U", "PG", "12A", "12", "15" or "18" certificate of the British Board of Film Classification; or
 - (b) it is a current news-reel which has not been submitted to the British Board of Film Classification.
4. No person under the age of 18 years shall be admitted to any exhibition at which there is to be shown any film which has received an "18" certificate from the British Board of Film Classification.
5. No person under the age of 15 years shall be admitted to any exhibition at which there is to be shown any film which has received a "15" certificate from the British Board of Film Classification.
6. No person under the age of 12 years shall be admitted to any exhibition at which there is to be shown any film which has received a "12A" certificate from the British Board of Film Classification unless they are accompanied during the showing of the film by a person of 18 years or over.
7. Notwithstanding the conditions hereinbefore contained, a film may be exhibited, or persons or any class of persons, may be admitted thereto if the permission of the Licensing Authority is first obtained and any conditions of such permission are complied with.
8. A representation or written statement of the terms of any certificate given by the British Board of Film Classification shall be shown on the screen immediately before the showing of any film to which it relates and the representation or statement shall be shown for long enough and in a form large enough for it to be read from any seat in the auditorium.
9. There shall be prominently exhibited at each public entrance whenever the premises are open to the public a notice indicating in tabular form and in clear bold letters and figures -
 - (a) the title of each film to be shown on that day, other than trailers and films of less than five minutes duration;
 - (b) the approximate times of commencement of each such films;
 - (c) whether each such film has received a "Uc", "U", "PG", "12A", "12", "15" or "18" certificate from the British Board of Film Classification.
 - (d) The effect of such "Uc", "U", "PG", "12A", "12", "15" or "18" certificates in relation to the admission of persons under the age of 18 years.
10. The nature of any certificate received in respect of a film from the British Board of Film Classification shall be clearly indicated by the letter "Uc", "U", "PG", "12A", "12", "15" or "18" in any advertisement of the film displayed at the premises.

11. No advertisement displayed at the premises of a film to be exhibited at the premises shall depict as a scene or incident in the film any scene or incident which is not included in the film as certified by the British Board of Film Classification or approved for exhibition by the Licensing Authority, as the case may be.
12. Where the Licensing Authority has given notice in writing to the licence holder of the premises objecting to an advertisement on the grounds that, if displayed, it would offend against good taste or decency or be likely to encourage or incite to crime or to lead to disorder or to be offensive to public feeling, that advertisement shall not be displayed at the premises except with the consent in writing of the Licensing Authority.
13. Where the Licensing Authority has given notice in writing to the licence holder of the premises prohibiting the exhibition of a film on the ground that it contains matter which, if exhibited, would offend against good taste or decency or would be likely to encourage or incite to crime or to lead to disorder or to be offensive to public feeling, that film shall not be exhibited in the premises except with the consent in writing of the Licensing Authority.

12th March 2024

Agenda Item No. 6

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 2024/2025.

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 2024/2025;
- authorise/remit to:-
 - (i) the Executive Director, Finance & Corporate Services to advertise the proposed tariff for 2024/2025; 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 5th December 2022.

Policy & Impact Assessment

As this review is carried within the statutory time frame, 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 29th February 2024 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 written representations received are contained within Appendix 2 as below:-

Tony Beattie, Taxi Operator, West Fife Zone - email dated 23.02.2024

Chris Chandler, Ellis Taxis, Kirkcaldy Zone - email dated 23.02.2024

Colin Fraser, Taxi & P H Association of Glenrothes - letter dated 23.02.2024

Sam Green, Taxi Operator, Levenmouth Zone - letter dated 25.02.2024

Robert Gregory, Taxi Operator, West Fife Zone - email dated 23.02.2024

William Laing, Taxi Operator, Glen. & West Fife Zones - email dated 26.02.2024

Susan Morrison, Taxi Operator, East Fife - email dated 26.02.2024

Eddie Provan, Taxi Operator, East Fife Zone - email dated 14.02.2024

St. Andrews Taxis, Taxi Operator, East Fife Zone - email dated 27.02.2024

Iain Wilson, Taxi Operator, West Fife Zone - email dated 23.02.2024

The Sub-Committee was thereafter consulted and advised that the all items RPI had decreased from 13.4% in December, 2022 to 4.9% in January, 2024.

The Sub-Committee then considered the representations made to it and 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.

The Sub-Committee were of the view that there should be no increase in the level of fares this year.

A table showing sample tariffs from other Licensing Authorities as at February, 2024 is contained in Appendix 3.

The existing tariff of fares and other charges is contained in Appendix 4.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At the meeting on 13th February, 2024 (paragraph 88 of 2024.R.L.75 refers) the Committee agreed that:
- a Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors Adams, Browne, Hayes, Lindsay, MacDiarmid and Pryde consider the 2024 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 2024/2025; and
 - a report be submitted to the Committee on 12th March 2024 for a decision on what the fare scales will be for the eighteen months following 3rd June, 2024.
- 1.2 The report is submitted in implementation of the above decision.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 As the review of fares has to be carried out at eighteen monthly intervals, 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 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 The Sub-Committee were of the view, given the information provided, that there should be no increase in the level of fares this year.
- 3.2 It, accordingly, made the following recommendations:
- (i) there be no increase in fares for the 18 months from 3rd June, 2024; 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.

Background Papers

- The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
- The current Taxi Fare Scale, with effect from 5th December, 2022
- RPI statistics from Office for National Statistics
- 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 FIFE HOUSE, GLENROTHES ON
29TH FEBRUARY 2024 TO REVIEW TAXI FARE SCALES**

PRESENT: Councillors Adams, Browne, Lindsay, MacDiarmid and Pryde.

ATTENDING: Gillian Love, Lead Officer, Miscellaneous Licensing, Craig Ritchie, Licensing Enforcement Officer and Steven Duffy and Martin Reid, Fleet Operations.

ALSO

ATTENDING: Tony Beattie, Taxi Operator, West Fife Zone, Chris Chandler, Ellis Taxis, Kirkcaldy Zone, Sam Green, Taxi Operator, Levenmouth Zone, William Laing, Taxi Operator, Glen. & West Fife Zones together with his Transport Manager, William Boles, James Glen & Linda Holt, St. Andrews Taxis, Taxi Operators, East Fife Zone, William Watson, Taxi Operator, Glenrothes Zone and Iain Wilson, Taxi Operator, West Fife Zone.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Alycia Hayes, Brian Buchanan, Taxi Operator, West Fife Zone Colin Fraser, Taxi & Private Hirers Association of Glenrothes, John Gibb, Taxi Operator, East Fife Zone, Robert Gregory, Taxi Operator, West Fife Zone, Dawn Hunter, Kirkcaldy Taxi Association, Susan Morrison, Taxi Operator, East Fife Zone and Eddie Provan, Taxi Operator, East Fife Zone.

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 review of taxi fare scales to consider representations submitted on behalf of the taxi operators. There were 10 written representations received and will be listed on Appendix 2 of the Taxi Fare Scale Report submitted to the Regulation & Licensing Committee on 12th March, 2024.

Gillian Love advised that although there had been no further written representations received, Brian Buchanan, John Gibb, Dawn Hunter and William Watson all advised they would propose that there be no increase in the fares and charges at this review. Brian Buchanan suggested there be an additional charge for the use of 8 seater vehicles and earlier times at stage 3 and 4 at Christmas & New Year.

Councillor Adams gave each of the representatives in attendance an opportunity to speak to their representations or give their views and Gillian Love advised that 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 12th March, 2024. 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 3rd June, 2024.

Other/

Other issues raised during the discussion included:

Taxi and Private Hire Inspections

Gillian Love mentioned that the first-time percentage pass rates had fallen in recent times and gave the operators details that if anyone fails a test the Committee may issue a warning letter for a first failure, bring operators in for a meeting with the Convener/Depute, be given a random test or be brought in for possible suspension. It was suggested there may be automatic random testing for each failure and a charge of £50 could be charged as well as the £100 retest fee. The operators advised that it would be helpful for all licensed operators to be invited in to open days at the garage for advice on how tests are carried out.

Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles

Gillian Love advised that she had received a few queries around the lack of wheelchair accessible taxis and private hires in Fife, particularly the East area. Gillian asked the operators for their views on this, and they advised it was due to a combination of different reasons, mainly the lack of drivers for these vehicles as well as the cost of the vehicles.

Taxi Drivers Medicals

Gillian Love advised that the Council asked anyone over 70 or with an existing medical condition that might affect their driving to attend a medical assessment. However, this may change in future which could lead to everyone requiring a medical on 1st application. Thereafter anyone under 45 would self cert every 5 years until 45 then attend another medical. Thereafter they would have a medical every 5 years until they are 65 then would have to get a medical every year. (Subject to satisfactory medicals at all times). The cost of the medicals is quite excessive, and Gillian asked the operators their views on whether the driver could produce their own medicals at their own costs. The operators felt that might be too onerous on new applicants and may lead to less drivers applying for licences. Gillian advised the views would be taken into consideration if any changes were to be made.

Increase In Licensing Fees

Gillian Love advised that there would be an increase in fees from 1st April 2024 and that the fees have not been raised since 2019 which worked out at 2% each year. Gillian also mentioned there will be new fees for substitution of vehicles, partnership additions and duplicate licences.

Taxi and Private Hire Partnerships and Company Applications

Gillian Love mentioned how partnerships and company applications are dealt with in that two or more individuals can go into business as a partnership but everyone in the partnership is equally responsible for everything including the licence. Gillian suggested that anyone going into a partnership should seek independent legal advice.

In relation to company applications, licensing is looking for the legal name and number of the company, as in Companies House, as well as who is running the company and will be named on the licence as opposed to those with significant control i.e. a shareholder if they are not running the company.

Emergency Works in Ranks

Gillian Love advised that if any emergency works are required at or near a taxi rank then all taxis should vacate the rank to allow the work to be carried out. Gillian also said that it is likely a temporary taxi rank will be provided in most instances.

Uber

Gillian Love and Craig Ritchie advised that there had been complaints of Uber drivers operating in Fife. Craig contacted Uber and was advised that their drivers shouldn't be operating in Fife as there was no licence in Fife for this. Uber were not currently looking to be licensed in Fife.

Age Based Vehicle Rule

There had been a few enquiries made to licensing about a change in the above. The operators mentioned that newer cars are not lasting as long when being used as taxis and Euro 6 vehicles are a bit more complicated to run. The operators asked if vehicles over 5 years old could be considered to go on as a taxi or private hire car and lots of discussion took place around this. Gillian advised the views would be taken into consideration if there was to be a policy change to this rule.

From: [Gillian Love](#)
To: [Gillian Love](#)
Subject: FW: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fare Scales 2024 - Beattie
Date: 06 March 2024 14:14:46
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: tony beattie
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 9:38 AM
To: Gillian Love <Gillian.Love@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fare Scales 2024

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Morning Gillian

I should be able to make it through for this meeting.

As for what I'll discuss I know Fife council is increasing its fees for licensing ect by 3% if what I've read is correct as currently running at loss which is not sustainable.

Buying new vehicles to replace older ones also remains high as does interest rates on them.

Insurance rates on all vehicles not just taxis have also see quite a sharp rise.

The is a very real issues of getting drivers into the taxi trade. This has seen operators with driver having to pay more to get them and to also cover the very real cost of living crisis.

Fuel is not as high as it was during last review but is still high and I've noticed creeping up again.

Repair and basic maintenance costs have went up as garages ect have also needed to increase there labour rates not to mention part prices are high

The only issue is see is what the paying public can bear as they to also have most of the costs stated above. We are ranked quite high in the U.K. for meter fare according to private hire monthly.

I'd say put the flag up slightly and keep the distance and costs the same

Tony Beattie

From: [Gillian Love](#)
To: [Gillian Love](#)
Subject: FW: FW: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fare Scales 2024 - Ellis
Date: 06 March 2024 14:16:23

From: Chris Chandler
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 10:03 AM
To: Gillian Love <Gillian.Love@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: FW: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fare Scales 2024

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Hi Gillian

I have spoken to the others and they are a bit ambivalent. They would take a rise in line with inflation but are not pushing for one. Apart from being priced out the market on accessible vehicles our expenses are not much higher.

Unless there is something pressing that would make my attendance useful we don't have a representative to send to the meeting.

Best wishes

Tina

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23/02/2024

Dear committee

After consultation with our members the decision was unanimous that we do not seek a fares increase this time around.

The general public are struggling with the cost-of-living increases as it stands. It is our opinion that a further fares rise would be counterproductive and potentially cost us customers who would seek alternative transport options. We feel that waiting until the financial world calms down again before implementing another rise is the right thing to do.

Kind Regards

Colin Fraser

Chairman



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25/02/2024

Dear Committee

As always, we are for small annual increases and although it was decided that there should be no increase last year I now believe that we need a substantial fare increase this year to get us back on track and hopefully next year we can get back into a routine of minimal increases which have always been better suited to the operators and the public.

Our customers are not silly, they know prices have to go up, they see bus and train fares going up and like everyone they may have an opinion but on the whole they are very understanding

I will reiterate my comments from previous years that operating taxis is not all about fuel costs! Fuel accounts for between 10 and 13% of an operators costs and although increases affect our profit levels our main concerns, as a fleet company employing staff, are the wages which take about 70% of our costs. This may not be the same for the single owner/driver businesses but for us and many other fleet owners it's the ever increasing motor insurance costs, motor maintenance costs, council licensing costs, but the biggest increase to our business's are the staff wages.

As councillors you are continually asking us to improve our standards so it's up to you to provide us with a reasonable fare structure that will allow us to continue to reinvest in our businesses. In my opinion you can not expect higher standards without giving us a decent fare increase.

I believe that this year the start price on the meter should increase by 10% keep the yardage as it is.

Yours Truly

Sam Green

From: [Gillian Love](#)
To: [Gillian Love](#)
Subject: FW: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fare Scales 2024
Date: 29 February 2024 09:34:32

From: rab gregory
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 9:07 AM
To: Gillian Love <Gillian.Love@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fare Scales 2024

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I will not be able to attend but I think the fares are fine for now.
Any fare increase I think would scare off more people

Thanks Robert Gregory
Dunfermline west Fife

From: [Prompt Taxis](#)
To: [Gillian Love](#)
Subject: Taxi Fares
Date: 26 February 2024 20:28:21

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The costs involved in running taxi and private hire vehicles over the last 4 years have jumped considerably.

Fife Council licensing fees are about to climb 10 per cent, with the addition of other new fees.

Car prices, for a five year old within current Council allowed time limit have risen from around 6k to over 10k. If a car lasts 4 years £20 a week,

My wheelchair access i used to buy for 14k , 3 year old, low milage via motability. Now motability have made way 5 years, hence too old to put on. Should one younger not now be needed by a wheelchair user, another user gets it. In 2022 i bought 4 for £25k plus vat New, Now they are £34k plus vat new.

I am also having major issues with the euro 6 engines with lots of faults with all the electronics in cars. I currently have 2 in dealerships, which still cost me £400 a month each, since before Christmas.

Insurance is climbing at a alarming rate, usually about a third more, from around £1500 a car to £2200 a car £13 a week extra.

Tyres, brakes , and all other parts have risen about 25 per cent over the last 3 years.

Drivers to earn the keep of the car, they want guaranteed money now, with the minimum wage about to goto £11.44 an hour. If you were paying this, plus holiday pay, employers n/i .etc, they would be costing you £14 a hour. To achieve this and remain in profit you would need £35 a hour. Currently a average local hire is £6, 4 hires an hour max £24 a hour, loosing money.

Currently the running mile is £2.35, to achieve £35 a hour, the car would need to do a average of 15 miles a hour.

To achieve £35 a hour, flag would need £4.50, running mile £2.50

Who pays the driver when the phones not ringing.

I appreciate that some councils are much less per mile, but Fife is spread out and can take time from dropping one hire to the next. If you were dropping off and collecting just around the corner the rate could be less..

Unfortunately customers aren't appreciate that drivers need to earn money, and with a lot off non regulated vehicles now on the road offering lifts due to taxis being so expensive, the trade will suffer over time. We need to explain to customers costs involved.

Yours Sincerely
William Laing
Prompt taxis
Proprietor

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From: [Gillian Love](#)
To: [Gillian Love](#)
Subject: FW: FW: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fare Scales 2024 - Morrison
Date: 29 February 2024 09:27:13
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From: Susz morrison
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 4:18 PM
To: Gillian Love <Gillian.Love@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: FW: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fare Scales 2024

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Only thing I can say is like everything else.. Car maintenance and parts have all gone up in price over the past year.. road conditions don't help as I've had to get front wheel bearings done 2 months apart due to the depth of potholes, fuel has also gone up along with cleaning products. Insurance up and I presume the council licences will go up in price too..

I'm one of the lucky ones as I own my car out right, so no monthly payments to make.. My car gets serviced every 8k miles, if you want I can send you a couple of invoices from 22 and 2023 for a comparison.

For all of the above, I'm not sure a price increase would help at this time. People are taking care with their money, and a taxi is certainly classed as a luxury and not a necessity. I have seen changes in local customers who used to book every week and now maybe once or twice a month.

Best
Susie

From: [Gillian Love](#)
To: [Gillian Love](#)
Subject: FW: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fare Scales 2024 - Provan
Date: 06 March 2024 14:26:52

From: Eddie Provan
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 2:43 PM
To: Gillian Love <Gillian.Love@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fare Scales 2024

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Hi Gillian

My personal view is if you put the fare up much more people will not use them. Just now we are having to take reduced ie under meter rate to airports etc. This is 2 fold. 1 being they say it's too expensive and they will just drive or 2 there are other people doing it cheaper. I can back this up with experience as I picked up a customer wishing to go to Edinburgh city centre which is said £110 from ANSTRUTHER to be told oh no I'll not bother another person (who doesn't hold any license) does this run for £70.

Regards

Eddie

From: [Gillian Love](#)
To: [Gillian Love](#)
Subject: FW: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fare Scales 2024 - St. Andrews Taxis
Date: 06 March 2024 14:29:46

From: St Andrews Taxis
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 4:04 PM
To: Gillian Love <Gillian.Love@fife.gov.uk>
Subject: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fare Scales 2024

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Dear Gillian,

Thank you for your emails.

Both of us would like to attend on Thursday.

We are only just now in the process of submitting our tax returns for 2022-23 so do not have income and expenditure figures from our businesses to indicate the rise in costs, and I'm not sure they would show the rising costs clearly as we have expanded our business significantly since taking over St Andrews Taxis in 2022. The expansion has been funded by capital injection.

The following are where we have noticed a significant rise in costs in the last year - the links supply evidence:

Cost of replacing a taxi

Inflation and higher interest rates on financing have significantly increased the cost of replacing a taxi, whether as a new car or a used vehicle.

Cost of car repairs and maintenance

This has risen significantly in the last year to the rising cost of parts, labour and energy:

<https://www.thisismoney.co.uk/money/cars/article-12956891/Im-motoring-expert-heres-cost-repairing-car-soar-2024.html>

Cost of insurance

We are expecting a significant rise in the cost of our fleet insurance this year as ordinary motor insurance has risen, in part due to the rising costs of repairs and maintenance.

<https://www.abi.org.uk/news/news-articles/2023/11/increased-cost-of-materials-and-labour-continue-to-push-up-price-of-motor-insurance-in-the-last-quarter/>

<https://www.patonsinsurance.co.uk/2023/09/06/insurance-tips-for-taxi-drivers/>

Minimum Wage

From April 2024 the National Minimum will rise by 10%

<https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

The rise last year had a big impact on local fares (under £15) but tapered off sharply for longer

distance drives in Fife or to airports.

We think any rise this year should be focussed on longer distance drives - the rides round st Andrews shouldn't go up , or up very much, as this makes it harder for old people or those with disabilities to go shopping etc.

However we do think the rate for longer rides should definitely rise by 10-15%.

Best wishes
Linda & James

From: [Gillian Love](#)
To: [Gillian Love](#)
Subject: FW: FW: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Review of Taxi Fare Scales 2024...
Date: 29 February 2024 09:30:28

From: Laura Dallas
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2024 11:58 AM
To: Gillian Love <Gillian.Love@fife.gov.uk>
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Good morning Gillian,

Further to our previous telephone conversation, I will now be able to attend on Thursday 29th February, as I have been able to arrange cover for my school contracts.

I would like to express my opinions on the fares review as follows:-

1. Given the present increase in fuel, insurance and repairs.
(The cost of purchasing a vehicle has increased by approximately 40% since 2021) it would be foolish not to expect an increase in fares this year.
2. Is it a consideration that the council relax the present age related restrictions on the purchase of vehicles? If this was not possible I would suggest an increase in line with the present rate of inflation.

Understandably the general public are confronted with the increased cost of living, but we as a business must keep abreast of these costs as well.

Yours truly

Iain Wilson

Wilson's Taxis

THE NATIONAL HACKNEY FARES TABLE

FEBRUARY 2024

NATIONAL AVERAGE 2 MILE HACKNEY FARE TARIFF ONE IS NOW £7.24

RISE IN 2024	
RISE IN 2023	
RISE IN 2022	
RISE IN 2021	RISE IN 2015
RISE IN 2020	RISE IN 2014
RISE IN 2019	RISE IN 2013
RISE IN 2018	RISE IN 2011
RISE IN 2017	RISE IN 2010
RISE IN 2016	RISE IN 2008
NO SET FARE	

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POSITION	TARIFF ONE 2 MILE FARE	
	COUNCIL	
20	CLACKMANNAN	£8.50
21	CHELTENHAM	£8.40
22	EAST LOTHIAN	£8.40
23	EAST SUFFOLK (NORTH)	£8.40
24	EDINBURGH	£8.40
25	LEEDS	£8.40
26	MID SUSSEX	£8.40
27	SOUTHAMPTON	£8.40
28	TONBRIDGE & MALLING	£8.40
29	WATFORD	£8.40
30	HUNTINGDONSHIRE	£8.30
31	LINCOLN	£8.30
32	UTTLESFORD	£8.30
33	BCP	£8.20
34	BROXBOURNE	£8.20
35	CARRICK	£8.20
36	EAST HERTS	£8.20
37	GLASGOW	£8.20
38	HART	£8.20
39	MANCHESTER	£8.20
40	RESTORMEL	£8.20
41	WOKINGHAM	£8.20
42	WORTHING	£8.20
43	FOREST OF DEAN	£8.13
44	BRENTWOOD	£8.10
45	BRIGHTON & HOVE	£8.10
46	PLYMOUTH	£8.10
47	SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE	£8.10
48	VALE OF WHITE HORSE	£8.10
49	MOLE VALLEY	£8.08
50	CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE	£8.05
51	ARUN	£ 8.00
52	BRECKLAND	£8.00
53	COVENTRY	£8.00
54	MAIDSTONE	£8.00
55	NOTTINGHAM	£8.00
56	RIBBLE VALLEY	£8.00
57	RUSHCLIFFE	£8.00
58	TANDRIDGE	£8.00
59	TORRIDGE	£8.00
60	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	£8.00
61	YORK	£8.00
62	ISLE OF MAN	£7.90
63	ROTHER	£7.90
64	SWALE	£7.90
65	ADUR	£7.80
66	BRACKNELL FOREST	£7.80
67	EASTBOURNE	£7.80
68	HASTINGS	£7.80
69	NORTH SOMERSET	£7.80
70	NORTH YORKSHIRE	£7.80
71	RUSHMOOR	£7.80
72	SOUTH GLOUCESTER	£7.80
73	SOUTH HAMS	£7.80
74	SURREY HEATH	£7.80
75	WAYERLEY	£7.80
76	CHELMSFORD	£7.70
77	DACORUM	£7.70
78	HIGH PEAK	£7.70
79	SWINDON	£7.70
80	WEALDON	£7.70
81	EAST DEVON	£7.68
82	WILTSHIRE	£7.68
83	SHETLAND ISLES	£7.62
84	BASINGSTOKE & DEANE	£7.60

POSITION	TARIFF ONE 2 MILE FARE	
	COUNCIL	
1	LONDON (HEATHROW)	£14.20
2	TfL	£10.60
3	EPSOM & EWELL	£10.60
4	GUILDFORD	£10.00
5	LUTON AIRPORT	£9.70
6	CARADON	£9.60
7	NORTH CORNWALL	£9.60
8	ELMBRIDGE	£9.50
9	JERSEY	£9.26
10	ST ALBANS	£9.15
11	READING	£9.00
12	MIDLOTHIAN	£8.80
13	GUERNSEY	£8.70
14	SEVENOAKS	£8.70
15	WOKING	£8.70
16	WEST BERKSHIRE	£8.60
17	PENWITH	£8.52
18	GREAT YARMOUTH	£8.50
19	STROUD	£8.50

POSITION	TARIFF ONE 2 MILE FARE	
	COUNCIL	
85	BRISTOL	£7.60
86	EAST AYRSHIRE	£7.60
87	FIFE	£7.60
88	KERRIER	£7.60
89	LEICESTER	£7.60
90	MONMOUTHSHIRE	£7.60
91	SOUTH SOMERSET	£7.60
92	STEVENAGE	£7.60
93	TEST VALLEY	£7.60
94	THREE RIVERS	£7.60
95	WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND	£7.60
96	WINCHESTER	£7.60
97	TORBAY	£7.51
98	BATH & N. E. SOMERSET	£7.50
99	CARDIFF	£7.50
100	CHESTER	£7.50
101	EXETER	£7.50
102	IPSWICH	£7.50
103	MID SUFFOLK	£7.50
104	MILTON KEYNES	£7.50
105	NORTH HERTS	£7.50
106	OXFORD CITY	£7.50
107	SOUTH NORFOLK	£7.50
108	TAMESIDE	£7.50
109	BIRMINGHAM	£7.40
110	CANTERBURY	£7.40
111	EAST HAMPSHIRE	£7.40
112	EAST RENFREW	£7.40
113	EASTLEIGH	£7.40
114	GLOUCESTER	£7.40
115	LEWES	£7.40
116	NORTH TYNESIDE	£7.40
117	PORTSMOUTH UA	£7.40
118	SOLIHULL	£7.40
119	SOUTH AYRSHIRE	£7.40
120	TEWKESBURY	£7.40
121	WEST OXFORD	£7.40
122	NEWARK & SHERWOOD	£7.37
123	NEW FOREST	£7.35
124	ASHFORD	£7.30
125	BLACKBURN	£7.30
126	CAMBRIDGE CITY	£7.30
127	DARTFORD	£7.30
128	DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL	£7.30
129	NORTH DEVON	£7.30
130	NORWICH	£7.30
131	SHROPSHIRE	£7.30
132	SOUTH CAMBRIDGE	£7.30
133	MORAY	£7.26
134	TEIGNBRIDGE	£7.26
135	NUNEATON & BEDWORTH	£7.25
136	BASILDON	£7.20
137	DERBY	£7.20
138	DORSET	£7.20
139	GOSPORT	£7.20
140	HARLOW	£7.20
141	NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE	£7.20
142	REIGATE & BANSTEAD	£7.20
143	SLOUGH	£7.20
144	STOCKPORT	£7.20
145	WEST NORTHANTS	£7.20
146	WEST SUFFOLK	£7.20
147	CHESTERFIELD	£7.16
148	TAMWORTH	£7.14
149	ARGYLL & BUTE	£7.13

POSITION	TARIFF ONE 2 MILE FARE	
	COUNCIL	
150	CANNOCK CHASE	£7.10
151	COTSWOLD	£7.10
152	CRAWLEY	£7.10
153	DOVER	£7.10
154	HIGHLAND	£7.10
155	ISLE OF WIGHT	£7.10
156	MENDIP	£7.10
157	OLDHAM	£7.10
158	RUGBY	£7.10
159	WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD	£7.10
160	RUNNYMEDE	£7.10
161	HARBOROUGH	£7.09
162	BABERGH	£7.00
163	BROMSGROVE	£7.00
164	CARLISLE	£7.00
165	CARMARTHENSHIRE	£7.00
166	CHICHESTER	£7.00
167	GRAVESHAM	£7.00
168	HERTSMERE	£7.00
169	HORSHAM	£7.00
170	KINGS LYNN & WEST NORFOLK	£7.00
171	MACCLESFIELD	£7.00
172	MEDWAY	£7.00
173	NEWPORT	£7.00
174	PEMBROKESHIRE	£7.00
175	SWANSEA	£7.00
176	WELWYN HATFIELD	£7.00
177	WESTERN ISLES	£7.00
178	SANDWELL	£6.92
179	BRAINTREE	£6.90
180	BURY	£6.90
181	COLCHESTER	£6.90
182	WORCESTER CITY	£6.90
183	AMBER VALLEY	£6.80
184	BEDFORD	£6.80
185	BOSTON	£6.80
186	BRIDGEND	£6.80
187	BROXTOWE	£6.80
188	CEREDIGION	£6.80
189	EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE	£6.80
190	EAST LINDSEY	£6.80
191	KINGSTON-UPON-HULL	£6.80
192	LIVERPOOL	£6.80
193	MANSFIELD	£6.80
194	MID DEVON	£6.80
195	NORTH KESTEVEN	£6.80
196	NORTH NORTHANTS	£6.80
197	NORTH WARWICK	£6.80
198	SEDGEMOOR	£6.80
199	SOMERSET WEST & TAUNTON	£6.80
200	S. LANARKSHIRE (CAMBUS/R'GLEN)	£6.80
201	SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE	£6.80
202	SOUTHEND ON SEA	£6.80
203	TENDRING	£6.80
204	TRAFFORD	£6.80
205	VALE OF GLAMORGAN	£6.80
206	WEST LOTHIAN	£6.80
207	WIGAN	£6.80
208	WIRRAL	£6.80
209	WOLVERHAMPTON	£6.80
210	DUNDEE CITY	£6.79
211	CHARNWOOD	£6.75
212	WALSALL	£6.75
213	ABERDEENSHIRE	£6.74
214	MALVERN HILLS	£6.72

POSITION	TARIFF ONE 2 MILE FARE	
	COUNCIL	
215	ANGUS	£6.70
216	BLABY	£6.70
217	CONGLETON	£6.70
218	EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE	£6.70
219	FYLDE	£6.70
220	OADBY & WIGSTON	£6.70
221	SHEFFIELD	£6.70
222	SOUTH LAKELAND	£6.70
223	ABERDEEN CITY	£6.60
224	CONWY	£6.60
225	DUDLEY	£6.60
226	EDEN	£6.60
227	FAREHAM	£6.60
228	FOLKESTONE & HYTHE	£6.60
229	HAVANT	£6.60
230	LANCASTER	£6.60
231	NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE	£6.60
232	ROCHFORD	£6.60
233	S. LANARKSHIRE (E. KILBRIDE)	£6.60
234	SOUTH TYNESIDE	£6.60
235	STRATFORD ON AVON	£6.60
236	SUNDERLAND	£6.60
237	WAKEFIELD	£6.60
238	BARROW IN FURNESS	£6.50
239	BASSETLAW	£6.50
240	CALDERDALE	£6.50
241	DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY	£6.50
242	EREWASH	£6.50
243	GEDLING	£6.50
244	HALTON	£6.50
245	LUTON	£6.50
246	ORKNEY	£6.50
247	ROSENDALE	£6.50
248	SEFTON	£6.50
249	STAFFORD	£6.50
250	STIRLING	£6.50
251	TORFAEN	£6.50
252	DONCASTER	£6.48
253	HYNDBURN	£6.42
254	BLAENAU GWENT	£6.40
255	CASTLE POINT	£6.40
256	COUNTY OF HEREFORD	£6.40
257	CREWE & NANTWICH	£6.40
258	DERBYSHIRE DALES	£6.40
259	ELLESMERE PORT	£6.40
260	HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH	£6.40
261	MELTON	£6.40
262	NORTH AYRSHIRE	£6.40
263	NORTHUMBERLAND	£6.40
264	WEST LINDSEY	£6.40
265	WYRE	£6.38
266	WARRINGTON	£6.35
267	PERTH & KINROSS	£6.33
268	ANGLESEY	£6.30
269	BARNSELY	£6.30
270	CLYDEBANK	£6.30
271	DARLINGTON	£6.30
272	SOUTH HOLLAND	£6.30
273	SOUTH RIBBLE	£6.30
274	ST HELENS	£6.30
275	REDDITCH	£6.25
276	THANET	£6.21
277	CHORLEY	£6.20
278	COPELAND	£6.20
279	EAST SUFFOLK (SOUTH)	£6.20

POSITION	TARIFF ONE 2 MILE FARE	
	COUNCIL	
280	FALKIRK	£6.20
281	FENLAND	£6.20
282	NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE	£6.20
283	SPELTHORNE	£6.20
284	WYCHAVON	£6.20
285	RENFREWSHIRE	£6.15
286	WYRE FOREST	£6.14
287	BRADFORD	£6.10
288	S. LANARKSHIRE (CLYDESDALE)	£6.10
289	NORTHERN IRELAND	£6.06
290	SCOTTISH BORDERS	£6.05
291	ALLERDALE	£6.00
292	BLACKPOOL	£6.00
293	BOLTON	£6.00
294	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	£6.00
295	DENBIGHSHIRE	£6.00
296	DUMBARTON & VALE OF LEVEN	£6.00
297	EAST STAFFORDSHIRE	£6.00
298	GATESHEAD	£6.00
299	GWYNEDD	£6.00
300	KIRKLEES	£6.00
301	KNOWSLEY	£6.00
302	NORTH WEST LEICESTER	£6.00
303	PETERBOROUGH	£6.00
304	POWYS	£6.00
305	PRESTON	£6.00
306	ROTHERHAM	£6.00
307	SALFORD	£6.00
308	TELFORD & WREKIN	£6.00
309	THURROCK	£6.00
310	WARWICK	£6.00
311	STOKE-ON-TRENT UA	£5.90
312	VALE ROYAL	£5.90
313	EAST RIDING	£5.85
314	FLINTSHIRE	£5.80
315	LICHFIELD	£5.80
316	MERTHYR TYDFIL	£5.80
317	NEATH PORT TALBOT	£5.80
318	NORTH NORFOLK	£5.80
319	RHONDDA CYNON TAFF	£5.80
320	NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE	£5.75
321	CAERPHILLY	£5.70
322	ASHFIELD	£5.60
323	MIDDLESBROUGH	£5.60
324	NORTH LANARKSHIRE	£5.60
325	S.LANARKSHIRE (HAMILTON)	£5.60
326	WREXHAM	£5.60
327	NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME	£5.55
328	INVERCLYDE	£5.54
329	EPPING FOREST	£5.50
330	PENDLE	£5.50
331	REDCAR & CLEVELAND	£5.50
332	ROCHDALE	£5.50
333	HARTLEPOOL	£5.40
334	SOUTH KESTEVEN	£5.30
335	STAFFS MOORLANDS	£5.20
336	WEST LANCASHIRE	£5.20
337	STOCKTON ON TEES	£5.10
338	CHERWELL	£5.08
339	BURNLEY	£5.00
340	BOLSOVER	£4.60
341	MALDON	£
342	RUTLAND	£
343	SOUTH DERBYSHIRE	£
344	WEST DEVON	£



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



Stage 1		Extra Charges	
For hirings between 6.00am and 10.00pm		Christmas/New Year	Plus 50% on Stage 1 rate
Up to 600 yards (549 metres)	£3.60	For hirings between 6.00am and 10.00pm on 25th and 26th December and 1st and 2nd January and for hirings between 6.00pm and 10.00pm on 24th and 31st December	
For each additional 150 yards (137 metres) or uncompleted part thereof	£0.20	For hirings between 10.00pm and 6.00am on 24th, 25th and 31st December and 1st January	Plus 50% on Stage 2 rate
Stage 2		Excess Load - Excess or abnormal luggage or load	Maximum charge £5.00
For hirings between 10.00pm and 6.00am or where the hire extends beyond Fife's boundary		Soiling Charge - anyone soiling a taxi is liable to this charge	£60.00
Up to 600 yards (549 metres)	£4.50		
For each additional 150 yards (137 metres) or uncompleted part thereof	£0.25		
Waiting Time	£0.20		
Each period of 48 seconds	(£15 per hr)		

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