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Town House,  
ABERDEEN 23 June 2023

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

The undernoted items are circulated in connection with the meeting of the **LICENSING COMMITTEE** to be held here in the Town House on **WEDNESDAY, 28 JUNE 2023 at 10.00am**. This is a hybrid meeting and Members may also attend remotely.

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INTERIM CHIEF OFFICER – GOVERNANCE (LEGAL)

### **BUSINESS**

4.1 Deputation from Russell McLeod relating to the Taxi Fare Review 2023  
(Pages 3 - 4)

8.1 Taxi Fare Review 2023 - COM/23/198 (Pages 5 - 10)

Please note that the incorrect proposed Taxi Tariff had been appended to the previous agenda. The report, which is unchanged and the correct tariff is now attached to this supplementary agenda.

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## Request for Deputation

**Name Russell McLeod**

**Committee Licensing**

**Agenda Item Taxi Fare Review**

**The action I wish the Council/Committee to take**

**As a trade we have been informed that there is no budget for ACC to arrange a venue for the forthcoming Taxi Tariff upgrade.**

**We are somewhat bemused by this, it is ACC who govern our trade, it is ACC who will insist that each meter is up to date and accurate. How then can it be left to the Taxi trade to pay for this ?**

**We have managed to secure a suitable venue at a cost that is much reduced from previous occasions.**

**We would ask that the Committee urge finance department to meet the cost of the venue.**

**I will of course be in attendance to answer any questions members might have.**

**Please note that in submitting a deputation your name will be placed in the public domain and recorded in the minute.**

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## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Licensing Committee
<b>DATE</b>	28 June 2023
<b>EXEMPT</b>	No
<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>	No
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	Taxi Fare Review 2023
<b>REPORT NUMBER</b>	COM/23/198
<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Gale Beattie
<b>CHIEF OFFICER</b>	Jenni Lawson
<b>REPORT AUTHOR</b>	Sandy Munro
<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	17.3

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with the responses to the draft fare tariff agreed on 3 May 2023.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Approves the fare tariff at Appendix 1;
- 2.2 Instructs the Chief Officer-Governance to notify all operators of taxis within 7 days of the new tariff and their rights of appeal to the Traffic Commissioner; and
- 2.3 In the absence of an appeal to the Traffic Commissioner, instructs the Chief Officer-Governance to publish the final fare tariff to take effect as of 31 July 2023.

### 3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the meeting of 3 May 2023 the Committee approved the circulation of the fare tariff at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 There have been no responses received to the draft fare tariff.
- 3.3 Once the final fare tariff has been agreed the operators of taxis have to be informed within 7 days. Any operator may submit an appeal to the Traffic Commissioner within 14 days of being notified of the final fare tariff.
- 3.4 In the absence of any appeal and given that there were no representations to the draft tariff, the risk of an appeal is considered minimal, the final fare tariff must be published in a newspaper as soon as possible after the 14-day appeal period, indicating the date on which the new fare tariff is to take effect.

## 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The approval of the recommendations will require:
- 4.1.1 Written notice to all taxi licence holders and the persons and organisations consulted during the review, setting out and explaining the effect to the scales fixed, the date they are to come into effect and their rights of appeal to the Traffic Commissioner.
  - 4.1.2 Copies of the new Taxi Tariff Card to be produced and issued to all taxi and private hire licence holders to be displayed in their vehicles;
  - 4.1.3 Staff costs of the fare review and any meter calibration will be contained within existing approved budgets.
  - 4.1.4 There will, therefore, be a financial cost to the Licensing Team, Governance in consultation advertisements, producing and issuing the above documentation. These costs will be met within existing taxi licensing budgets.

## 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 In terms of Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (“The Act”) the Council, as the licensing authority for taxis is obliged to regularly review and fix the scales for fares and surcharges so that they take effect within 18 months beginning with the date on which the previous scales came into effect. The Local Authority last reviewed fares in January 2022 and the tariff and surcharges took effect on 30 April 2022. Therefore, the review must be completed, and the scales fixed no later than 29 October 2023.

## 6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Category	Risk	Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)	Mitigation
<b>Strategic Risk</b>	There is no strategic risk to Aberdeen City Council arising from the recommendations in this report	L	
<b>Compliance</b>	There is a legal risk if Aberdeen City Council does not comply with legislation	L	To ensure that the Committee approve the fare review within the statutory time scales.

<b>Operational</b>	There is no operational risk to Aberdeen City Council arising from the recommendations in this report	L	
<b>Financial</b>	There is no financial risk to Aberdeen City Council arising from the recommendations in this report	L	
<b>Reputational</b>	As a licensing authority there would be a reputational risk to the Council if it failed to undertake its legal obligation and not carry out the review.	L	As this report is introducing the review for consultation within the statutory time period any risk is mitigated.
<b>Environment / Climate</b>	There is no risk to the environment arising from the recommendations of this report	L	

## 7. OUTCOMES

<u><b>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</b></u>	
<b>Impact of Report</b>	
<b>Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement</b>	Not applicable
<b>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan</b>	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	Not applicable
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	Not applicable
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	Not applicable
<b>Regional and City Strategies</b>	Not applicable

<b>UK and Scottish Legislative and Policy Programmes</b>	The report sets out the procedure to review Taxi fares as per S17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
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## 8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>Impact Assessment</b>	Full impact assessment not required
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	not required

## 9. APPENDICES

9.1 Appendix 1- Taxi Fare Tariff

## 10. REPORT AUTHOR CONTACT DETAILS

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NOTICE TO BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED IN VEHICLE  
CITY OF ABERDEEN LICENSING OF TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE CARS  
**MAXIMUM CHARGES APPLICABLE TO HIRE OF TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE CARS FITTED WITH TAXI METERS**  
– WITH EFFECT FROM 31 JULY 2023

**Tariffs- All tariffs and holidays are time locked into the taxi meter and are out-with the control of the operator**

1.	08:00 to 20:00 Hrs Monday to Friday	
(A)	For the FIRST 987 yards	<b>£3.00</b>
(B)	For every additional 146.5 yards	<b>£0.20</b>
2.	<b>20:00 to 08:00 Hrs Monday to Friday &amp; All Day Saturday &amp; Sunday (Except 02:00 to 05:00 Hrs)</b>	
(A)	<b>For the FIRST 987 yards</b>	<b>£5.00</b>
(B)	<b>For every additional 146.5 yards</b>	<b>£0.20</b>
3.	<b>02:00 to 05:00 Hrs Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>	
(A)	<b>For the FIRST 987 yards</b>	<b>£6.00</b>
(B)	<b>For every additional 146.5 yards</b>	<b>£0.20</b>
4.	<b>Christmas &amp; New Year (20:00 Hrs 24 December to 05:00 Hrs 27 December and 20:00 Hrs 31 December to 05:00 Hrs 03 January)</b>	
(A)	<b>For the FIRST 987 yards</b>	<b>£6.00</b>
(B)	<b>For every additional 146.5 yards</b>	<b>£0.30</b>

Where 5 or more passengers carried add 50% to above rates

5. **Holidays For each hiring on the Spring, May Day, Midsummer and Autumn holidays as follows:-**  
**Spring - Monday following third Sunday in April (if such Monday falls within the week in which Good Friday falls, then the following Monday)**  
**Mayday - first Monday in May; Midsummer-second Monday in July; Autumn - fourth Monday in September;**

**Tariff 3 Applies 00:00 to 08:00 Hrs and 20:00 to 24:00 Hrs**

**Tariff 2 Applies 08:00 to 20:00 Hrs**

**Extras**

(A)	<b><u>Waiting</u></b>	
	Standard-	A sum calculated at the rate of £0.20 every 26.4 Seconds
	Christmas & New Year-	A sum calculated at the rate of £0.30 every 26.4 Seconds
(B)	<b><u>Surcharges</u></b>	
(1)	For each hiring pre-booked.	<b>£1.00</b>
(2)	Airport Fees –	
	Drop-Off Charge-	As per current barrier value according to local signage
	Pick-Up At Airport-	As per current barrier value according to local signage, chargeable from time of booking
	Airport Taxis-	As per current barrier value charged to the driver by Airport Authority
(3)	For each hiring commencing at Aberdeen Railway Station (Railway Taxis Only)	<b>£1.00</b>
(4)	A charge of £60 per incident of fouling a taxi.	

**Chief Officer- Governance**

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