LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 31 January 2025. Minute of Meeting of the LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE. <u>Present</u>:- Councillor Al-Samarai, <u>Convener</u>; and Councillors Clark (as substitute for Councillor Henrickson), Delaney and McLeod.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND TRANSPARENCY STATEMENTS

1. There were no declarations of interest or transparency statements intimated.

TAXI FARE REVIEW

2. With reference to article 9 of the minute of meeting of the Licensing Committee of 4 December 2024, the Sub Committee had before it an Information Note prepared by the interim Chief Officer – Governance, which (1) provided background information on the consultation process relating to the Taxi Fare review; (2) advised that following the publication of the Tariff Card in a newspaper as required, one representation was received from the taxi trade; and (3) appended the Tariff Card as displayed in the newspaper along with a note of the trade representation.

The Sub Committee heard from Mr Sandy Munro, Legal Adviser, Governance explain that there had been an error in relation to Tariff 2 of the card, which indicated that it commenced at 22:00, but it should have instead stated that it commenced at 20:00. He intimated that the taxi trade in their representation had advised that the description of the waiting time seemed to be complicated and therefore they suggested that the waiting time be amended to an hourly rate.

The Information Note requested that consideration be given to the representation and the finalisation of the Tariff Card to come into effect on 3 April 2025.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve the Tariff Card, subject to amending Tariff 2 to commence at 20:00;
- (ii) to take no action in relation to amending the waiting time; and
- (iii) to note that the new Tariff Card would be circulated to Taxi Operators, and subject to any appeal to the Traffic Commissioners, would come into effect on 3 April 2025
- COUNCILLOR GILL AL-SAMARAI, Convener