

**Taxi and Private Hire Car Consultation Group
Meeting of 26 August 2022**

FARE REVIEW – VERBAL UPDATE FROM LICENSING TEAM

The Consultation Group received an update from Mr Sandy Munro, Legal Adviser in relation to the Taxi Fare Review, following an email received by Mr Russell McLeod requesting that the review process be brought forward.

Mr Munro (a) explained that the present taxi fare came into effect on 30 April 2022, following the usual process and consultation period, and that in terms of the legislation, was not due to be reviewed for 18 months; (b) outlined the process for the next review, indicating that it takes approximately 6 months until the final report was submitted to the Licensing Committee for consideration (around October 2023); and (c) advised that the process to bring forward the date of a Taxi Fare Review would need Committee approval.

The Consultation Group heard from Mr McLeod, who made reference to the impact on the taxi trade as a result of the fuel, energy and the cost of living increases and sought agreement to bring forward the date for a Taxi Fare Review to commence from November 2022.

The Consultation Group resolved:-

to request that the Licensing Committee at their meeting on 6 September 2022 consider whether to bring forward the Taxi Fare Review process.