

REFERRAL FROM

TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR CONSULTATION GROUP

ABERDEEN, 8 February 2023.

TAXI FARE REVIEW- RUSSELL MCLEOD

The Consultation Group had before it a request by Russell McLeod to commence a Taxi Fare Review earlier than scheduled.

Mr McLeod suggested that a Taxi Fare Review commence in March and not April 2023 as scheduled, which would provide a chance of any changes being implemented before the summer recess. He explained that for almost a year now, drivers have had to absorb the huge increase in fuel costs and although the prices were starting to reduce, they were unlikely to return to pre-February 2022 levels, never mind 2019 levels. He indicated that there was a cost of living issue and there was a perception that Taxi Operators/Drivers, when asking for an increase, were just looking for a wage increase, which was not the case.

In addition, Mr McLeod advised that since the last very modest fare increase in 2020 (agreed in 2019), the world changed and prices have not reduced since, namely fuel, repairs, insurance, running costs, vehicle costs and the cost of living.

Sandy Munro provided information in relation to the process for a Taxi Fare Review including the consultation period.

The Consultation Group resolved:-

to request that the Licensing Committee consider whether to accelerate a Taxi Fare Review at their next meeting in March 2023.