

ANGUS COUNCIL

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 5 JANUARY 2017

TAXI FARES REVIEW

REPORT BY SHEONA C HUNTER, HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

**ABSTRACT**

It is recommended that the Committee note the commencement of the process of reviewing the taxi fares fixed for the Angus local authority area as required by section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the process of reviewing the taxi fares fixed for the Angus local authority area as required by section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the local authority requires to review fares for the hire of taxis and for all other charges in connection with the hire of taxis, within 18 months of the last review. The last review was initiated on 6 August 2015. This Committee agreed not to increase the taxi fares at the conclusion of the review process.
- 2.2 All taxi operators licensed in Angus have been written to and asked for their proposals for any changes. Operators have been given one calendar month to respond.
- 2.3 A further report will be submitted to this Committee advising of the proposals received and giving an indication of the approximate percentage increases of the proposals submitted using sample journey lengths.
- 2.4 If the Committee determines to amend the current fare structure, then the proposed amended fare structure will require to be published in a newspaper circulating in this area. In publishing the proposed amended fare structure, the Council must:-
- (i) set out the proposed amended fare structure
  - (ii) explain the effect of the proposed amended fare structure
  - (iii) propose a date on which the proposed amended fare structure is to come into effect; and
  - (iv) state that any person may make representations in writing until the relevant date.
- 2.5 The relevant date is a date specified by the licensing authority falling at least one month after the first publication by the authority of the proposed scales.
- 2.6 In the event that, following publication of the proposed amended fare structure, no representations are received within the period of representations to be made, then authority will already have been sought via the Committee report to permit the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to implement the proposed amended fare structure.
- 2.7 In the event that representations are received then a further report will be submitted to this Committee to consider those representations.

2.8 The Committee is asked to note that any decision taken by the Committee will be intimated to taxi operators who will be afforded the opportunity to appeal any decision taken by the Committee to the Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

**4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Human Rights issues arising directly from this report.

**NOTE:** No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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