

ANGUS COUNCIL

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 17 MAY 2018

TAXI FARE REVIEW

REPORT BY SERVICE MANAGER, LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC

ABSTRACT

This Report relates to the review of the taxi fare structure for Angus.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee;-

- (i) review the existing scales and consider the proposed scale options contained in **Appendices 1 and 2** to this report;
- (ii) propose new scales (whether by altering the fares or other charges or fixing the fares or other charges at the same rate) and instruct the Service Manager, Legal and Democratic, to publish same;
- (iii) in the event that no representations are received at least one month after the date of publication of the proposed scales, delegate authority to the Service Manager, Legal and Democratic, to implement the then “fixed scales” (including giving notice and determination of the implementation date) as soon as possible, in consultation with Police Scotland;
- (iv) note that any recommended increase represents the maximum fare chargeable by taxi drivers and is not a compulsory fare; and
- (v) note the requirement in terms of meter changes within the body of the report and determine to follow the process used currently by Dundee in the event of any meter change.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. In terms of section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the licensing authority must fix scales for the fares and other charges in connection with the hire or with the arrangements for the hire of a taxi, within 18 months, beginning on the date on which the scales came into effect. The implementation date of the last review was 15 July 2017.
- 2.2. The current review was initiated on 3 April 2018. All taxi operators licensed in Angus were written to and their proposals for any changes were requested no later than 4 May 2018. Use was made of Angus Council’s website via the “Have Your Say” section and Facebook and Twitter posts were placed. A meeting was arranged with the Trade on 17 April 2018 to discuss this issue and other pertinent matters affecting the Trade currently. Eleven responses were received from Operators which, combined, provided five proposals. They are shown in **Appendix 1**.
- 2.3. **Appendix 2** has been prepared to provide members with an indication of the approximate percentage increases in respect of the options submitted. Sample journey lengths of 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 and 15 miles have been used to calculate the percentage increases.

- 2.4. The Committee's proposed scales will be published in the "Courier". In publishing the proposed scales, the Council must:-
- (i) set out the proposed scales;
 - (ii) explain the effect of the proposed scales;
 - (iii) propose a date on which the proposed scales are 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, no representations are received within the period for representations to be made, then authority is sought to permit the Service Manager, Legal and Democratic, to implement the then "fixed scales", in consultation with Police Scotland.
- 2.7. In the event that representations to the proposed scales are received then a further report will be submitted to this Committee to consider those representations.
- 2.8. At the meeting with the Trade in Forfar on 17 April 2018, it was noted that Monifieth firms compete directly against Dundee firms. The taxi fares in Dundee are cheaper than in Angus so no increase would be of benefit to those operating in the Monifieth area. Further representation was made that there hasn't been an increase in the fares for 5 years. Garage fees and fees paid to Angus Council have gone up considerably. Fuel, wages and parts have all risen in cost. 33 pence an hour has been added to wages as of 1 April 2018. Some members of the Trade felt that jobs were at risk if there was no fare increase. Increases of between 6% and 25% were put forward by the Trade in addition to a reduction in terms of yards. In a separate representation submitted by e-mail, it was noted that the main expenses of operating vehicles are fuel, maintenance and fees. Fuel costs have risen in the last few months but are not at previous levels and more efficient cars add to cost savings. Maintenance costs have dropped slightly due to cheaper parts being able to be sourced and cheaper tyre prices.
- 2.9. Committee are asked to note that, with regard to any meter change, Dundee City Council's Testing Centre's current procedure is for each taxi driver to attend at a qualified garage for a meter update. The meter change would then be checked at the annual test.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no financial implications arising from this report.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

The issues dealt with in this Report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective. An equalities impact assessment is not required.

NOTE: Background papers

1. Consultation letter to Taxi Operators dated 3 April 2018

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OPTION 1 – NO CHANGE IN FARES AS SUBMITTED BY R INNEN AND M HEALY

A. GENERAL

TARIFF ONE

Hirings begun between 6am and 6pm Monday to Friday inclusive (except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Hogmanay, New Year's Day, and 2 January).

- (A) If the distance does not exceed 1660 yards – for the whole distance - £3.30
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1660 yards:
 - (1) For the first 1660 yards - £3.30
 - (2) For each additional 90 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 15 seconds – 10p

TARIFF TWO

Hirings begun between 6pm and 6am Monday to Friday and from 6pm Friday until 6am Monday (except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Hogmanay, New Year's Day and 2 January). This tariff is also applicable for hirings commenced between 6am and 6pm on Christmas Eve and Hogmanay.

- (A) If the distance does not exceed 1260 yards – for the whole distance - £3.50
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1260 yards:
 - (1) For the first 1260 yards -£3.50
 - (2) For each additional 80 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 15 seconds – 10p

TARIFF THREE

Hirings begun between 6pm on Christmas Eve through to 6am on 27 December and from 6pm on Hogmanay through to 6am on 3 January.

- (A) If the distance does not exceed 1320 yards – for the whole distance –£4.80
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1320 yards:
 - (1) For the first 1320 yards - £4.80
 - (2) For each additional 70 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 10 seconds – 10p

TARIFF FOUR

(Only for larger type vehicles carrying five or more passengers at their own request) for hirings begun between 6pm on Christmas Eve through to 6am on 27 December and from 6pm on Hogmanay through to 6am on 3 January.

- (A) If the distance does not exceed 1320 yards – for the whole distance – £5.80
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1320 yards:
 - (1) For the first 1320 yards – £5.80
 - (2) For each additional 70 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 20p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 13 seconds – 20p

B – LARGE MINI-BUS TYPE VEHICLES

(Carrying five or more passengers together at their own request)

- (A) Where Tariff 1 would apply – Charge Tariff 2
- (B) Where Tariff 2 would apply – Charge Tariff 3
- (C) Where Tariff 3 would apply – Charge Tariff 4

C – ADDITIONAL CHARGES

1. Extras to be added on all tariffs 10p per case or object carried.
2. £60 to be levied in respect of passenger soiling a vehicle which results in the vehicle being taken out of service for any period of time.
3. Where a taxi is called but not used – normal fare to be charged according to distance as if the taxi had been occupied from the time it left the stance or garage.
4. Extras to be charged on all tariffs for each passenger after the first passenger 20p

OPTION 2 SUBMITTED BY V STEPONAVICIUS

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- (B) If the distance exceeds **1260** yards:
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 - (2) For each additional **70** yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 15 seconds – 10p

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- (A) If the distance does not exceed **860** yards – for the whole distance - **£3.70**
- (B) If the distance exceeds **860** yards:
 - (1) For the first **860** yards - **£3.70**
 - (2) For each additional **60** yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 15 seconds – 10p

TARIFF THREE

Hirings begun between 6pm on Christmas Eve through to 6am on 27 December and from 6pm on Hogmanay through to 6am on 3 January.

- (A) If the distance does not exceed **860** yards – for the whole distance – **£5.00**
- (B) If the distance exceeds **860** yards:
 - (1) For the first **860** yards - **£5.00**
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OPTION 3 SUBMITTED BY MITCHELL MURRAY, FORFAR TAXI COMPANY

A. GENERAL

TARIFF ONE

Hirings begun between 6am and 6pm Monday to Friday inclusive (except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Hogmanay, New Year's Day, and 2 January).

- (A) If the distance does not exceed **1480** yards – for the whole distance - **£3.60**
- (B) If the distance exceeds **1480** yards:
 - (1) For the first **1480** yards - **£3.60**
 - (2) For each additional **80** yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 15 seconds – 10p

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- (A) If the distance does not exceed **1080** yards – for the whole distance - **£3.80**
- (B) If the distance exceeds **1080** yards:
 - (1) For the first **1080** yards - **£3.80**
 - (2) For each additional 80 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
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OPTION 4 SUBMITTED BY KASHIF RIAZ T/A RK TAXIS, FORFAR, S FERRIER VIP TAXIS, FORFAR, WENDY FOREMAN, GW TAXIS, FORFAR, B SHAW, K KABS, KIRRIEMUIR, D PENMAN, A HELPING HAND TAXI CO AND G FOREMAN, G W TAXIS, FORFAR

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OPTION 5 – SUBMITTED BY L ADAMS, WILCO CABS, MONTROSE

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(B) If the distance exceeds 1660 yards:

(1) For the first 1660 yards - **£3.50**

(2) For each additional **85** yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p

(C) Waiting time – for each period of 15 seconds – 10p

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(A) If the distance does not exceed 1260 yards – for the whole distance - **£3.80**

(B) If the distance exceeds 1260 yards:

(1) For the first 1260 yards -**£3.80**

(2) For each additional **75** yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p

(C) Waiting time – for each period of 15 seconds – 10p

TARIFF THREE

Hirings begun between 6pm on Christmas Eve through to 6am on 27 December and from 6pm on Hogmanay through to 6am on 3 January.

(A) If the distance does not exceed 1320 yards – for the whole distance –**£5.10**

(B) If the distance exceeds 1320 yards:

(1) For the first 1320 yards - **£5.10**

(2) For each additional **65** yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p

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(A) If the distance does not exceed 1320 yards – for the whole distance – **£6.20**

(B) If the distance exceeds 1320 yards:

(1) For the first 1320 yards – **£6.20**

(2) For each additional **65** yards or uncompleted part thereof – 20p

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OPTION 1 - NO CHANGE AS SUBMITTED BY R INNES AND M HEALLY

Journey distance (Miles)	Tarrif 1	%age	Tarrif 2	%age 2	Tarrif 3	%age 3	Tarrif 4	%age 4
1	£3.50	0.0%	£4.20	0.0%	£5.50	0.0%	£7.10	0.0%
2	£5.40	0.0%	£6.40	0.0%	£8.00	0.0%	£12.10	0.0%
3	£7.40	0.0%	£8.60	0.0%	£10.50	0.0%	£17.20	0.0%
5	£11.30	0.0%	£13.00	0.0%	£15.50	0.0%	£27.20	0.0%
10	£21.10	0.0%	£24.00	0.0%	£28.10	0.0%	£52.40	0.0%
15	£30.80	0.0%	£35.00	0.0%	£40.70	0.0%	£77.50	0.0%

OPTION 2 - SUBMITTED BY V STEPONAVICIUS

Journey distance (Miles)	Tarrif 1	%age	Tarrif 2	%age 2	Tarrif 3	%age 3	Tarrif 4	%age 4
1	£4.30	22.9%	£5.20	23.8%	£6.50	18.2%	£7.10	0.0%
2	£6.80	25.9%	£8.20	28.1%	£9.50	18.8%	£12.10	0.0%
3	£9.30	25.7%	£11.10	29.1%	£12.40	18.1%	£17.20	0.0%
5	£14.30	26.5%	£17.00	30.8%	£18.30	18.1%	£27.20	0.0%
10	£26.90	27.5%	£31.60	31.7%	£32.90	17.1%	£52.40	0.0%
15	£39.50	28.2%	£46.30	32.3%	£47.60	17.0%	£77.50	0.0%

OPTION 3 - SUBMITTED BY MITCHELL MURRAY, FORFAR TAXI COMPANY

Journey distance (Miles)	Tarrif 1	%age	Tarrif 2	%age 2	Tarrif 3	%age 3	Tarrif 4	%age 4
1	£4.00	14.3%	£4.70	11.9%	£5.70	3.6%	£7.10	0.0%
2	£6.20	14.8%	£6.90	7.8%	£8.20	2.5%	£12.10	0.0%
3	£8.40	13.5%	£9.10	5.8%	£10.70	1.9%	£17.20	0.0%
5	£12.80	13.3%	£13.50	3.8%	£15.70	1.3%	£27.20	0.0%
10	£23.80	12.8%	£24.50	2.1%	£28.30	0.7%	£52.40	0.0%
15	£34.80	13.0%	£35.50	1.4%	£40.90	0.5%	£77.50	0.0%

OPTION 4 - SUBMITTED BY KASHIF RIAZ T/A RK TAXIS, FORFAR

Journey distance (Miles)	Tarrif 1	%age	Tarrif 2	%age 2	Tarrif 3	%age 3	Tarrif 4	%age 4
1	£4.00	14.3%	£4.70	11.9%	£5.70	3.6%	£7.10	0.0%
2	£6.20	14.8%	£6.90	7.8%	£8.20	2.5%	£12.10	0.0%
3	£8.40	13.5%	£9.10	5.8%	£10.70	1.9%	£17.20	0.0%
5	£12.80	13.3%	£13.50	3.8%	£15.70	1.3%	£27.20	0.0%
10	£23.80	12.8%	£24.50	2.1%	£28.30	0.7%	£52.40	0.0%
15	£34.80	13.0%	£35.50	1.4%	£40.90	0.5%	£77.50	0.0%

OPTION 5 - SUBMITTED BY L ADAMS, WILCO CABS, MONTROSE

Journey distance (Miles)	Tarrif 1	%age	Tarrif 2	%age 2	Tarrif 3	%age 3	Tarrif 4	%age 4
1	£3.70	5.7%	£4.50	7.1%	£5.80	5.5%	£7.60	7.0%
2	£5.70	5.6%	£6.90	7.8%	£8.50	6.3%	£13.00	7.4%
3	£7.80	5.4%	£9.20	7.0%	£11.20	6.7%	£18.40	7.0%
5	£11.90	5.3%	£13.90	6.9%	£16.70	7.7%	£29.30	7.7%
10	£22.30	5.7%	£25.60	6.7%	£30.20	7.5%	£56.30	7.4%
15	£32.70	6.2%	£37.40	6.9%	£43.70	7.4%	£83.40	7.6%