

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 1 JUNE 2017**

**TAXI FARE REVIEW**

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

**ABSTRACT**

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

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) considers the taxi fare review representations contained in **Appendices 1 and 2** to this report received in response to the letter sent to Operators on 16 December 2016;
- (ii) considers the written representations informing Appendices 1 and 2 received in response to the letter sent to Operators on 16 December 2016;
- (iii) considers the written representations received after publication of the scales proposed by Committee on 23 February 2017 in the Courier and Advertiser on 8 March 2017;
- (iv) fixes the scales by adopting one of the proposed options or an amended option;
- (v) delegates authority to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to implement the adopted option, following sections 17(4D), (4E) and (5) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, in consultation with Police Scotland;
- (vi) notes that any recommended increase represents the maximum fare chargeable by taxi drivers and is not a compulsory fare;
- (vii) notes the requirements in terms of meter changes within the body of the report and determines to follow the process currently used by Dundee City Council in the event of any meter change;
- (viii) determines the implementation date as being 1 July 2017.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/CORPORATE PLAN**

This report aligns with the Local Outcome – Communities that are prosperous and fair.

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**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the local authority requires to complete a review of 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.

- 3.2 The current review was initiated on 16 December 2016. All Operators licensed in Angus were written to and their proposals for any changes were requested no later than 16 January 2017. Eight responses were received from Operators which, combined, provided four proposals. The Committee, on 23 February 2017, proposed not to amend the current fare structure.
- 3.3 Following the decision of the Committee, on 8 March 2017, notice was given via advertisement in the Courier and Advertiser of the proposed fare that the Committee determined to adopt and that, in doing so, there would be no amendment to the current fare structure. The proposed date of effect was provided as 8 May 2017. It was stipulated that any person may make representations until Monday 10 April 2017. Five representations were received. **All representations received in response to the letter to Operators dated 16 November 2016 and in response to the Courier advert will be circulated for consideration by Members.**
- 3.4 **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
- 3.5 Committee are asked to note that with regard to any meter change, Dundee City Council Testing Centre current procedure is for each Taxi Driver to attend at a qualified garage for meter update. The meter change would then be checked at the annual test. Previous procedure was, if there was a change to meter charges that each Taxi Driver would attend at a qualified garage for meter update. The meter change would then be checked at the annual test. If there was a change to meter distances, polling distances required to be changed in order to test the meters and required all Taxi Drivers to attend at the Testing Centre in Dundee over a week period to adjust the meters. That normally required the availability of two mechanics (working 8-4, Monday to Friday). The charge for that to each Taxi Driver was £27.00.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Committee note all of the responses obtained during the consultation exercise with Operators and the public by way of newspaper advertisement. It is recommended that Committee fix the scales by adopting one of the proposed options or adopting an amended option. Thereafter, Committee is asked to instruct the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to implement the adopted option, following sections 17(4D), (4E) and (5) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, in consultation with Police Scotland. Lastly, Committee is asked to endorse the current process for meter change used by Dundee City Council at their Testing Centre and agree the implementation date of the scales.

#### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be no financial implications to Angus Council arising from this report. If the scales are amended, there will be a cost of £27 to Taxi Drivers associated with effecting the amendment at the Testing Centre in Dundee. The cost of amending the scales by a qualifying garage is unknown.

**OPTION 1 – NO CHANGE IN FARES AS SUBMITTED BY R SCRIMGEOUR, CALLUM KETTLES, WILMA REID, J BROWN, DUNCAN MACKENZIE, PHILLIP POWELL AND COLIN WATT**

**A. GENERAL**

**TARIFF ONE**

Hirings begun between 6am and 6pm Monday to Friday inclusive (except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Hogmanay, New Years 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 till 6am Monday except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Hogmanay, New Years 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

**TARIFF FIVE (only to be used for meter calibration purposes and must not be used for the charging of fares)**

- (A) If the distance does not exceed 704 yards – £3.02
- (B) If the distance exceeds 704 yards:
  - (1) For the first 704 yards - £3.02
  - (2) For each additional 176 yards – 16p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 42 seconds – 16p

**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 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 Years Day, and 2 January).

- (A) If the distance does not exceed **1560** (1660) yards – for the whole distance - **£3.60** (£3.30)
- (B) If the distance exceeds **1560** (1660) yards:
  - (1) For the first 1560 yards - **£3.60** (£3.30)
  - (2) For each additional **80** (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 till 6am Monday except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Hogmanay, New Years 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 **1160** (1260) yards – for the whole distance - **£3.80** (£3.50)
- (B) If the distance exceeds **1160** (1260) yards:
  - (1) For the first 1160 yards - **£3.80** (£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 – **£5.00** (£4.80)
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1320 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1320 yards - **£5.00** (£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.

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- (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 3 SUBMITTED BY DAVID, WILCO CABS**

### **A. GENERAL**

#### **TARIFF ONE**

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

- (A) If the distance does not exceed 1660 yards – for the whole distance - **£3.50** (£3.30)
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1660 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1660 yards - **£3.50** (£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 till 6am Monday except Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Hogmanay, New Years 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 - **£3.80** (£3.50)
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1260 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1260 yards - **£3.80** (£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
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#### **TARIFF FOUR**

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**(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 4 – SCOTT FERRIER, VIP TAXIS, FORFAR**

### **TARIFF ONE - GENERAL**

Hirings at all times inclusive of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Hogmanay, New Years Day, and 2 January.

- (A) If the distance does not exceed 1660 yards – for the whole distance - **£4.80** (£3.30)
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1660 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1660 yards - **£4.80** (£3.30)
  - (2) For each additional 90 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each per period of **10** (15) seconds – 10p (excluding Tariff 2 and 3)

### **TARIFF TWO - LARGE VEHICLE TYPES CARRYING 5 OR MORE PASSENGERS**

Hirings at all times inclusive of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Hogmanay, New Years Day and 2 January.

- (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 70 yards or uncompleted part thereof - 20p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 15 seconds – 20p

### **ADDITIONAL CHARGES**

1. £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.
2. 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

**OPTION 1 – NO CHANGE IN FARES AS SUBMITTED BY R SCRIMGEOUR, CALLUM KETTLES, WILMA REID, J BROWN, DUNCAN MACKENZIE, PHILLIP POWILL AND COLIN WATT**

<b>Journey distance (Miles)</b>	<b>Tariff 1</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Tariff 2</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Tariff 3</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Tariff 4</b>	<b>%</b>
1	£3.50	0	£4.20	0	£5.50	0%	£7.10	0
2	£5.40	0	£6.40	0	£8.00	0%	£12.10	0
3	£7.40	0	£8.60	0	£10.50	0%	£17.20	0
5	£11.30	0	£13.00	0	£15.50	0%	£27.20	0
10	£21.10	0	£24.00	0	£28.10	0%	£52.40	0
15	£30.80	0	£35.00	0	£40.70	0%	£77.50	0

**OPTION 2 SUBMITTED BY MITCHELL MURRAY, FORFAR TAXI COMPANY**

<b>Journey distance (Miles)</b>	<b>Tariff 1</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Tariff 2</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Tariff 3</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Tariff 4</b>	<b>%</b>
1	£3.90	11%	£4.60	10%	£5.70	4%	£7.10	0%
2	£6.10	13%	£6.80	6%	£8.20	2%	£12.10	0%
3	£8.30	12%	£9.00	5%	£10.70	2%	£17.20	0%
5	£12.70	12%	£13.40	3%	£15.70	1%	£27.20	0%
10	£23.70	12%	£24.40	2%	£28.30	1%	£52.40	0%
15	£34.70	13%	£35.40	1%	£40.90	0%	£77.50	0%

**OPTION 3 SUBMITTED BY DAVID, WILCO CABS**

<b>Journey distance (Miles)</b>	<b>Tariff 1</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Tariff 2</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Tariff 3</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Tariff 4</b>	<b>%</b>
1	£3.70	6%	£4.50	7%	£5.50	0%	£7.10	0%
2	£5.60	4%	£6.70	5%	£8.00	0%	£12.10	0%
3	£7.60	3%	£8.90	3%	£10.50	0%	£17.20	0%
5	£11.50	2%	£13.30	2%	£15.50	0%	£27.20	0%
10	£21.21	1%	£24.30	1%	£28.10	0%	£52.40	0%
15	£31.00	1%	£35.30	1%	£40.70	0%	£77.50	0%

**OPTION 4 – SCOTT FERRIER, VIP TAXIS, FORFAR**

<b>Journey distance (Miles)</b>	<b>Tariff 1</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Tariff 2</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Tariff 3</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Tariff 4</b>	<b>%</b>
1	£5.00	43%					£7.50	6%
2	£6.90	28%					£12.50	3%
3	£8.90	20%					£17.60	2%
5	£12.80	13%					£27.60	1%
10	£22.60	7%					£52.80	1%
15	£32.30	5%					£77.90	1%