

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 18 AUGUST 2022**

**TAXI FARE REVIEW – REPRESENTATIONS ON PROPOSALS**

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR 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) further considers the taxi fare review representations contained in **Appendix 1** to this report previously considered by Committee on 9 June 2022;
- (ii) further considers the table illustrating current and proposed options contained in **Appendix 2**, previously considered by the Committee on 9 June 2022
- (iii) considers Appendix 4, containing the written representations received following publication in the Courier and Advertiser of the Committees proposed scales (which are contained in Appendix 3), and the table of fares at **Appendix 5** showing fares increased by example percentages;
- (iv) fixes taxi fare scales (including waiting charges) either by choosing from illustrated options or otherwise;
- (v) delegates authority to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to implement the fixed fare scales, 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; and
- (viii) determines the implementation date as being 30 September 2022.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 The local authority decided to undertake an early taxi fares review, in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, when it convened on 13 January 2022. All Taxi Operators licensed in Angus were written to and their proposals for any change in fares were requested no later than 1 April 2022. Thirteen responses were received from Operators, including nine proposed fare scales. When the Committee met on 9 June 2022, these representations and options, shown at **APPENDIX 1**, were considered. Also considered was the table at **APPENDIX 2** illustrating the effect of the proposed fare scales.

2.2 On 9 June 2022 the Committee proposed to amend fare scales to those shown in **APPENDIX 3**. These scales (after correction of a typographical error) were advertised by notice in the Courier and Advertiser on 17 June 2022 together with a proposed commencement date of 28 June 2022. The advertisement stipulated that any person could make representations regarding the proposals until 19 July 2022. Three

representations were received, all supporting further increases in fares. Their content is shown at **APPENDIX 4**.

- 2.3 When previously reviewing Taxi Fares the Committee have sometimes decided to increase fares by a percentage rather than by changing distances and other factors. Appendix 5 is a table of fares from the Director of Legal and Democratic Services for illustration. It shows current tariff fares (including correction to Appendix 2), calculated over 1,2,3,5,10 and 15 miles, together with what the fares would be were they to be increased by 7.5%, 9.5% or 11.5% respectively.
- 2.4 Following the fixing of fares, a date must be set for the new fares to come into effect. This date will require to be notified to operators and published after the 14 day appeal period has passed. There must also be at least 7 days after publication before the new fares come into effect.
- 2.5 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.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that Committee note all of the responses obtained during the consultation exercise initially with Operators and also in response to the newspaper advertisement of the Committees proposed fares. It is recommended that Committee fix the scales by adopting one of the proposed options from **Appendices 2 or 3**, an increase such as in terms of **Appendix 5**, or an alternative option and fix a date for the fares to come into effect. Thereafter, Committee is asked to instruct the Director 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.

### **4. 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.

### **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.

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**OPTION ONE - CURRENT FARES**

**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 - £3.50
- (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

**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 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 - £3.80
- (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
- (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 – £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
- (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 TWO AS SUBMITTED BY K RIAZ**

### **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 - £3.80
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1480 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1480 yards - £3.80
  - (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 - £4.00
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1080 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1080 yards -£4.00
  - (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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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 1300 yards – for the whole distance –£5.40
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1300 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1300 yards - £5.40
  - (2) For each additional 70 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 10 seconds – 10p

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  - (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

## **OPTION THREE – SUBMITTED BY M. MURRAY, FORFAR TAXI COMPANY**

### **TARIFF ONE**

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(B) If the distance exceeds 1480 yards:

(1) For the first 1480 yards - £3.80

(2) For each additional 80 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p

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 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 1080 yards – for the whole distance - £4.00

(B) If the distance exceeds 1080 yards:

(1) For the first 1080 yards -£4.00

(2) For each additional 80 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p

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

(B) If the distance exceeds 1320 yards:

(1) For the first 1320 yards - £5.00

(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 FOUR – SUBMITTED BY C WATT**

### **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 - £3.80

(B) If the distance exceeds 1660 yards:

(1) For the first 1660 yards - £3.80

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

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 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 - £4.20

(B) If the distance exceeds 1260 yards:

(1) For the first 1260 yards -£4.20

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

Waiting time - for each period of 15 seconds - 10p

### **TARIFF THREE – REDUCED ON THE BASIS THAT £5.10 WAS NOT CHARGED BUT £5.00**

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

(B) If the distance exceeds 1320 yards:

(1) For the first 1320 yards - £5.00

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

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

## **OPTION FIVE – LORIMER CABS AND SCOTT FERRIER, VIP TAXIS.**

### **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 - £4.50

(B) If the distance exceeds 1660 yards:

(1) For the first 1660 yards - £4.50

(2) For each additional 67 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 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 - £4.80

(B) If the distance exceeds 1260 yards:

(1) For the first 1260 yards -£4.80

(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 1320 yards – for the whole distance –£6.00

(B) If the distance exceeds 1320 yards:

(1) For the first 1320 yards - £6.00

(2) For each additional 100 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 20p

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

#### **TARIFF FOUR**

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(A) If the distance does not exceed 1320 yards – for the whole distance – £7.50

(B) If the distance exceeds 1320 yards:

(1) For the first 1320 yards – £7.50

(2) For each additional 75 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 30p

(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 SIX – SUBMITTED BY D. ROBERTSON, DOREEN’S TAXIS**

### **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 - £3.80

(B) If the distance exceeds 1660 yards:

(1) For the first 1660 yards - £3.80

(2) For each additional 85 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 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 - £4.00

(B) If the distance exceeds 1260 yards:

(1) For the first 1260 yards -£4.00

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

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

### **TARIFF THREE**

NO CHANGE

### **TARIFF FOUR**

NO CHANGE.



## **OPTION SEVEN - SUBMITTED BY R. INNES**

### **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 1400 yards – for the whole distance - £3.80
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1400 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1400 yards - £3.50
  - (2) For each additional 75 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 20 seconds – 20p

### **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 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 1400 yards – for the whole distance - £4.00
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1400 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1400 yards -£4.00
  - (2) For each additional 70 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 20 seconds – 20p

### **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 –£5.50
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1400 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1400 yards - £5.50
  - (2) For each additional 60 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 20 seconds – 20p

### **TARIFF FOUR**

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- (A) If the distance does not exceed 1400 yards – for the whole distance – £7.00
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1400 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1400 yards – £7.00
  - (2) For each additional 60 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- © Waiting time – for each period of 20 seconds – 20p

## **OPTION EIGHT – SUBMITTED BY J SWANKIE**

### **TARIFF ONE**

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- (B) If the distance exceeds 1660 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1660 yards - £4.00
  - (2) For each additional 85 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 15 seconds – 10p

### **TARIFF TWO**

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- (B) If the distance exceeds 1260 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1260 yards -£4.50
  - (2) For each additional 75 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 15 seconds – 10p

## **OPTION NINE – SUBMITTED BY W. AND G. FOREMAN, GW TAXIS**

### **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 - £3.80

(B) If the distance exceeds 1480 yards:

(1) For the first 1480 yards - £3.80

(2) For each additional 80 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p

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 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 1080 yards – for the whole distance - £4.00

(B) If the distance exceeds 1080 yards:

(1) For the first 1080 yards -£4.00

(2) For each additional 80 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p

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 1300 yards – for the whole distance –£5.40

(B) If the distance exceeds 1320 yards:

(1) For the first 1320 yards - £5.40

(2) For each additional 70 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p

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

### **TARIFF FOUR**

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(A) If the distance does not exceed 1300 yards – for the whole distance – £6.50

(B) If the distance exceeds 1300 yards:

(1) For the first 1300 yards – £6.50

(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

## COMMENTS RECEIVED IN RELATION TO TAXI FARES CONSULTATION.

I agree a rise in taxi fares is needed but should be kept at a modest increase of no more than four pounds on tariff one and four pounds fifty on tariff two. Fares have remained at the present level for a few years now but prices of fuel repairs and insurance are all going up as are all bus fares and train fares.

I think the taxi fares should go from £3.50 to £3.80 for tariff 1 and tariff 2 should go up from £3.80 to £4.00 and keep tariff 3 & 4 the same price as tariff 3 only gets used for christmas and new year on little cars where as people carriers that take 8 passengers goes on to tariff 3 through out the year

I would like the fare structure to remain the same, no increase. Although the cost of fuel, servicing of vehicles and other costs have recently went through the roof I think that increasing the cost to the customer will have a detrimental effect on trade. Customers will appreciate us as a trade and support us more if we don't increase fares. If we increase fares then the public will not use taxis as frequently as they too have had massive strains put on their weekly budgets. I think that to keep the fares the same and let the public know we have done so can only help us keep our business's going and possibly recoup some of the money that has been lost over the past 2 years, to increase fares will, in my opinion, alienate a good proportion of the customers who use Taxis regularly.

Proposed Tariff - Tariff One A start of £3.80 if the distance does not exceed 1400 yards - for the whole distance £3.80. B but the distance exceeds 1400 yards £3.80 for each additional 75 yards or uncompleted part thereof 10p, waiting time 20 seconds 20p. Tariff 2 start of £4.00 as above bar each additional yard 70 yards at 10p. tariff 3 £5.50 as above 60 yards at 10p. tariff 4 £7.00 as above 60 yards at 10p. this was passed by some drivers that think we cant go to high but this is reasonable and as the taxi trade is on its knees we need some sort of support not just through increase but the council looking the costs that we have to pay its the highest in Scotland and the council needs to reduce fees as its impossible to get drivers due to the high costs which is leaving customers in a vulnerable situation especially at night time..

I think the taxi fares should just stay as it is it's hard enough just now to make a living if u increase them people will just stop using taxis that is my view. In my opinion we have no choice to put taxi fares up as everything else is fuel is through the roof energy bills going up and food bills if it goes on any longer I think a lot of taxis will have to pack up we pay a lot of money to get a taxi on the road insurance mot road tax taxi license and operators license which I can't understand why we have to pay £457 a year medical. I think with price of fuel going through the roof the taxi fares have to increase. I really don't want them to increase but we have to put them up.

<https://www.taxi-point.co.uk/post/why-taxi-tariffs-must-rise-across-the-uk-the-cost-of-taxi-services-are-under-intense-scrutiny?fbclid=IwAR3L2UCMZVPDy9IqALHfwjJvFeIzKPkQRMeOQUQjgcSHk8JrAebMjunLTMs>

APPENDIX 2 TO THE REPORT NO 211/22

OPTION 1 – NO CHANGE FROM CURRENT FARE SCALES

Journey distance (Miles)	Tariff 1	%	Tariff 2	%	Tariff 3	%	Tariff 4	%
1	£3.89		£4.39		£5.57		7.55	
2	5.69		6.81		£8.48		12.97	
3	7.76		9.16		11.19		18.38	
5	11.90		13.85		16.61		29.22	
10	22.25		25.59		30.15		58.72	
15	32.68		37.32		43.68		83.37	

OPTION 2 - SUBMITTED BY K RIAZ

Journey distance (Miles)	Tariff 1	%	Tariff 2	%	Tariff 3	%	Tariff 4	%
1	£4.13	6%	£4.85	11%	£6.06	0%	7.81	0%
2	6.20	9	7.05	4	£8.57	0	12.84	-0
3	8.27	7	9.25	1	11.09	-0	17.87	-1
5	12.41	4	13.65	-1	16.11	-1	27.93	-1
10	22.76	2	24.65	-4	28.69	-1	53.07	-6
15	33.12	1	35.65	-4	41.26	-2	78.21	-5

OPTION 3 - SUBMITTED BY MITCHELL MURRAY, FORFAR TAXI COMPANY

Journey distance (Miles)	Tariff 1	%	Tariff 2	%	Tariff 3	%	Tariff 4	%
1	4.15	7	4.85	11	5.63	-3		
2	6.35	12	7.05	4	8.14	-4		
3	8.55	10	9.25	1	10.66	-5		
5	12.95	9	13.65	-1	15.69	-6		
10	23.95	8	24.65	-4	28.26	-6		
15	34.95	7	35.65	-4	40.83	-7		

**OPTION 4 - SUBMITTED BY C. WATT**

Journey distance (Miles)	Tariff 1	%	Tariff 2	%	Tariff 3	%	Tariff 4	%
1	3.92	1	4.87	11	5.78	-2		
2	5.99	5	7.21	6	8.38	-1		
3	8.06	4	9.56	4	11.09	-1		
5	12.20	3	14.25	2	16.51	-1		
10	22.55	1	25.99	2	30.05	-1		
15	32.91	1	37.79	1	43.58	-1		

**OPTION 5 –SUBMITTED BY LORIMER CABS and SCOTT FERRIER, VIP TAXIS**

Journey distance (Miles)	Tariff 1	%	Tariff 2	%	Tariff 3	%	Tariff 4	%
1	4.65	19	6.46	47	6.88	19	9.26	23
2	7.28	28	8.57	26	10.4	23	16.30	26
3	9.90	28	11.50	26	13.92	24	23.34	27
5	15.16	27	17.37	25	20.96	26	37.42	28
10	28.29	27	32.03	25	38.56	28	72.62	24
15	41.43	27	46.70	25	56.16	29	107.82	29

**OPTION 6 – SUBMITTED BY D. ROBERSTON, DOREEN’S TAXIS**

Journey distance (Miles)	Tariff 1	%	Tariff 2	%	Tariff 3	%	Tariff 4	%
1	3.92	1	4.79	9	No change	0	No change	0
2	5.99	5	7.21	6	No change	0	No change	0
3	8.06	4	9.56	4	No change	0	No change	0
5	12.20	3	14.25	3	No change	0	No change	0
10	22.55	1	25.99	2	No change	0	No change	0
15	32.90	1	37.32	1	No change	0	No change	0

**OPTION 7 –R. INNES**

Journey distance (Miles)	Tariff 1	%	Tariff 2	%	Tariff 3	%	Tariff 4	%
1	4.28	10	4.51	2.7	6.10	6	7.06	-6
2	6.63	17	7.03	3	9.03	6	10.50	-19
3	8.97	16	9.54	4	11.97	7	13.50	-26
5	13.67	15	14.57	5	17.83	7	19.33	-33
10	25.40	14	27.14	6	32.50	8	34.00	-42
15	37.13	14	39.71	6	47.17	8	48.67	-42

**OPTION 8 – J. SWANKIE**

<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	4.12	6	5.17	18				
2	6.19	8	7.51	10				
3	8.26	6	9.86	8				
5	12.40	4	14.55	5				
10	22.75	2	26.29	3				
15	33.11	1	38.02	2				

**OPTION 9 – W & G FOREMAN**

<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	4.15	6	4.85	18	6.06	5	7.81	3
2	6.35	8	7.05	10	8.57	1	12.84	-1
3	8.55	6	9.25	8	11.09	-1	17.87	-3
5	12.95	4	13.65	5	16.11	-3	27.93	-4
10	23.95	2	24.65	3	28.69	-5	53.07	-10
15	34.95	1	35.65	2	41.26	-6	78.21	-6

**TAXI FARES STRUCTURE – ADVERTISED ON 17 JUNE 2022****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 1400 yards – for the whole distance - £3.80
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1400 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1400 yards - £3.80
  - (2) For each additional 75 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 20 seconds – 20p

**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 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 1400 yards – for the whole distance - £4.00
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1400 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1400 yards -£4.00
  - (2) For each additional 70 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 20 seconds – 20p

**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 1400 yards – for the whole distance –£5.50
- (B) If the distance exceeds 1400 yards:
  - (1) For the first 1400 yards - £5.50
  - (2) For each additional 60 yards or uncompleted part thereof – 10p
- (C) Waiting time – for each period of 20 seconds – 20p

**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 – £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
- (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