

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Regulatory Functions Board

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 27 May 2015	10:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Maria Brown: Councillor Eddie Devine: Councillor Margaret Devine: Councillor Audrey Doig: Provost Anne Hall: Councillor Cathy McEwan: Councillor Sam Mullin

Councillor John Hood (Convener): Councillor Bill Brown (Depute Convener)

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

1 **Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: Review of Taxi Fares within Renfrewshire** 5 - 36

Report by Director of Finance & Resources.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board may by resolution exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the press and public are present, there could be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973.

2 **Grant of Private Hire Car Drivers' Licences - Personal Appearances**

Under reference to item 2(c) of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 23rd April, 2015 resume consideration of application (a) for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the second time together with Police Scotland who has submitted a representation to the application and submit applications (b), (c), (d), (e) for the grant of Private Hire Car Drivers' Licences. These applicants have been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who has submitted a representation to application (b); a representation received outwith the statutory timescale to application (c); and objections received outwith the statutory timescale to applications (d), (e) and (f):-

- (a) John Divers, 50 Napier Drive, Govan, Glasgow
- (b) Abdul Samad, 401 Croftfoot Road, Glasgow
- (c) Glen Manson, 5 Provost Drive Court, Renfrew
- (d) Brian Millar, 13 Dundonald Road, Gallowhill, Paisley
- (e) Christopher Johnstone, 32 Westwsood Gardens, Ferguslie Park, Paisley
- (f) Stephen James, 37 McLean Place, Paisley

3 Renewal of Private Hire Car Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for renewal of a Private Hire Car Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who has submitted an objection received outwith the statutory timescale to the application:-

Scott Johnstone, 21 York Way, Renfrew

4 Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence and request for exemption from assisting wheelchair passengers - Personal Appearance

Under reference to item 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 2nd April, 2015 resume consideration of the undernoted application for renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence and request for exemption from assisting wheelchair passengers. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the second time together with Police Scotland who has submitted a representation received outwith the statutory timescale to the application:-

Christopher McMillan, 61 Second Avenue, Kingspark, Glasgow

5 Renewal of Taxi Driver's Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for renewal of a Taxi Driver's Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

John Devlin, 5 East Road, Kilbarchan

6 Grant of Window Cleaner's Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for the grant of a Window Cleaner's Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who has submitted a letter and a further letter to the application:-

Ronald Higgins, 24 Bute Drive, Johnstone

Adjournment

The meeting will adjourn after consideration of item 6 and reconvene at 1.30 pm.

7 Grant of Landlord Registration - Personal Appearance

Under reference to item 9 of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 23rd April, 2015 resume consideration of the undernoted application for the grant of Landlord Registration. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the second time:-

Douglas Lyle, Scart Farm, Kilmacolm Road, Bridge of Weir (Alexander Lyle and Elizabeth Lyle - joint owners)

8 Hearing into possible removal from the Register of Landlords - Personal Appearance

Consider the possible removal of the undernoted landlord from the register of landlords. The landlord has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland:-

Brian McCulloch, 3 Hurlett Cottages, Barrhead

9 Renewal of Taxi Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for renewal of a Taxi Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Graeme Anderson, 32 Renshaw Road, Bishopton

10 Variation of Taxi Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for variation of a Taxi Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Applicant: Stephen Heron, 21 Armour Street, Johnstone

Variation: condition 22(ii) be varied to allow operation of a saloon car

11 Surrender and Re-issue of Taxi Licence

Submit the undernoted application for the surrender and re-issue of a Taxi Licence:-

Present Operator: Brian Carroll, 174 Eider Place, East Kilbride

Proposed Operator: James Kilgour, 36 Stravaig Walk, Paisley

Licence No: TX 168

To: Regulatory Functions Board

On: 27th May 2015

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

**Heading: Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982:
Review of Taxi Fares within Renfrewshire**

1. Summary

- 1.1. At a meeting of the Regulatory Functions Board on 19th February 2015, there was submitted a report by the Director of Finance and Resources relative to the review of taxi fares applying within Renfrewshire.
- 1.2. At that meeting the Board agreed, after considering responses to an initial consultation, to advertise a proposal to fix a new fare scale. The agreed proposal sought to allow a surcharge for payment by debit or credit card up to a maximum of 10% of the taxi fare. It also stated that the fares chargeable for taxis from midnight on 24th December until midnight on 26th December, and from midnight on 31st December until midnight on 2nd January, would be “fare and a half”. The Board otherwise agreed that the existing fares scale would remain unchanged and that the proposed scale would be advertised, allowing representations to be made within one month. The advertised proposal is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.
- 1.3. The Board agreed a proposed date of 10th August 2015 for the proposed fare scale to come into effect. The Board also agreed that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Board to allow a taxi fares scale to be fixed.
- 1.4. An advertisement detailing the proposal appeared within the Paisley Daily Express newspaper on 12th March 2015 and provided that any person wishing to make representations on the proposal must do so in writing no later than 12th April 2015. The procedure followed as detailed above is set out in Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, as amended (“the Act”).

- 1.5 In response to the advertisement, a representation has been received from Renfrewshire Public Hire Association, as attached at Appendix 2. The Board now requires to fix a taxi fares scale for Renfrewshire.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:-

- 2.1.1 Consider the representation received from Renfrewshire Public Hire Association following advertisement of the agreed proposal and fix a new fares scale for Renfrewshire;
- 2.1.2 Determine that this fares scale shall come into effect on 10th August 2015, being the proposed date previously agreed by the Board;
- 2.1.3 Thereafter, authorise officers to give notice to (a) all operators of taxis operating in Renfrewshire and (b) the persons and organisations appearing to the Board to be representative of the operators of taxis operating within Renfrewshire (being the parties initially consulted) of the fares scale fixed and its effect, the date on which it is to come into effect and the rights of appeal against the scale, all as set out in Section 17 of the Act, as amended;
- 2.1.4 Authorise officers to publish the fares scale, as soon as practicable following expiry of the period for appeal to the Traffic Commissioner (or, if appealed, as soon as practicable after determination of the appeal), by giving notice of the scales in an advertisement in a newspaper circulating in Renfrewshire and to specify therein that the scales shall come into effect on 10th August 2015 (or on such other date agreed by the Board), all in terms of Section 18A of the Act.

3 Background

- 3.1 Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, as amended, requires the Council as licensing authority to fix maximum fares for the hire of taxis as detailed at paragraph 4.1 of this report. Prior to fixing a new taxi fare scale, the Council requires to review the scales, by formally consulting taxi operators (or persons or organisations representative of them) and thereafter proposing new scales, and to publish these in a newspaper circulating in its area. The report to the Board on 19th February 2015 fully set out the initial consultation which had taken place with organisations representative of the taxi trade within Renfrewshire and also stated that individual taxi operators had been consulted by text alert.
- 3.2 Five proposals were received in response to the initial statutory consultation, details of which were set out in Paragraphs 3.4.1 to 3.4.5 of the report to Board on 19th February 2015. Copies of these proposals are also attached at Appendix 3. A copy of the Board's existing fares scale is attached at

Appendix 4 and a note of the fares in neighbouring local authority areas is attached at Appendix 5.

- 3.3 The Board agreed on 19th February 2015 to propose a fares scale for consultation as outlined in Paragraph 1.2 to this report. The advertisement which thereafter publicised the proposed scales on 12th March 2015 stated that any representations would require to be made by 12th April 2015. A representation has been received from Renfrewshire Public Hire Association.
- 3.4 Renfrewshire Public Hire Association request that “Tariff 2”, which details the fares applicable during the festive period at the times stated in Paragraph 1.2, remains at “fare plus a third”. They indicate that the local taxi trade has, for a considerable period of time, applied a surcharge of one third in relation to journeys terminating outwith Renfrewshire. They state that the full fare for these journeys is displayed on the taxi meter. Renfrewshire Public Hire Association state that the proposed increase to Tariff 2 under the advertised scale would result in a significant and unjustified increase in fares and that they wish to ensure that this would not provide a mechanism for abuse. The Board should note, however, that fares for journeys terminating outwith Renfrewshire are not regulated by the Council as licensing authority.
- 3.5 Renfrewshire Public Hire Association propose that Tariff 2 should remain unaltered. However, they suggest as an alternative that, for journeys during the above periods, a surcharge of £1.00 could be added to each hire. They state that this would result in an increase similar to the advertised proposal for an average hire within Renfrewshire and that this increase could be achieved without any necessity for meter recalibration. They also refer to reported case law, *City of Glasgow District Council v Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area*. This case considered the use of the Traffic Commissioner’s discretion to continue to hear an appeal where he held that the appellant’s case was not representative of the view of many taxi operators.
- 3.6 The advertised proposal and the recent proposal from Renfrewshire Public Hire Association are summarised at Appendix 6. The Board now requires to fix a taxi fares scale for Renfrewshire.
- 3.7 The Board may note that the Consumer Prices Index for the year to March 2015 is unchanged from the year to February 2015, at 0.0%.

4. Legal Position

- 4.1 A licensing authority must fix scales for the fares and other charges in relation to the hire of a taxi within 18 months beginning with the date on which the last scales came into effect. Prior to fixing those scales, the licensing authority must consult with the operators of taxis in its area (or persons or organisations representative of them), review the existing scales and propose new ones, publish these in a local newspaper and consider any representations made on or before the date specified in the advertisement.

- 4.2 Once the Board has fixed scales as recommended in this report, the Council requires to give notice within seven days to the operators of taxis and also to those persons representative of them (as initially consulted) of the scale and its effect, the date on which the scale is to come into effect and the rights of appeal to the Traffic Commissioner.
- 4.3 Any operator of a taxi or person or organisation appearing to the Traffic Commissioner to be representative of operators may, within fourteen days of the above notification of the scales being fixed, appeal the decision to the Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic Area. Following this 14 day appeal period (or the conclusion of an appeal to the Traffic Commissioner), the Council requires to give notice of the scale by newspaper advertisement.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - Minor costs associated with production of new fare scales, cards and advertising costs which will require to be met from existing budgets.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – – Nil
3. **Community Planning** –
 - Children and Young People** – Nil
 - Community Care, Health & Well-being** - Nil
 - Empowering our Communities** - Nil
 - Greener** - Nil
 - Jobs and the Economy** - Nil
 - Safer and Stronger** – Nil
4. **Legal** – As detailed at Paragraph 4 of the report
5. **Property/Assets** – Nil
6. **Information Technology** – Nil
7. **Equality & Human Rights** -

The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report, as it seeks only to fix a taxi fares scale, which the Council has a statutory duty to review at regular intervals. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating

actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

- 8. **Health & Safety** – Nil
- 9. **Procurement** – Nil
- 10. **Risk** – Nil
- 11. **Privacy Impact** - Nil

List of Background Papers

-None

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Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Taxi Fares Scale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 that Renfrewshire Council proposes to fix a new taxi fares scale as follows:

FARES BY DISTANCE

Minimum fare for a distance not exceeding ½ mile..... £3.20
For each additional 239 yards or part thereof.....20p

FARES FOR WAITING TIME

For each period of 2 minutes or part thereof.....34p

EXTRAS

For each passenger in excess of 4, a fifth passenger charge of60p
(applicable to 5,6, or 7 seater taxis)

An additional charge for journeys commencing after midnight and before
5.00am Sunday to Thursday.....60p

An additional charge for journeys commencing after midnight and before
5.00am Friday and Saturday.....£1.00

From midnight on 24 December until midnight on 26 December
the fare chargeable shall be. normal fare plus 1/2
(Tariff 2)

From midnight on 31 December until midnight on 2 January
the fare chargeable shall be normal fare plus 1/2
(Tariff 2)

SOILING FEE

Soiling in this context includes any soiling by means of food,
drink, vomit, urine or excrement..... to a maximum of £50.00

ADDITIONAL FEE

Airport Departure charge.....£1.00

Credit/Debit Card surchargeup to a maximum of 10%

FARES TO PLACES BEYOND THE RENFREWSHIRE AREA BOUNDARY

The driver is not obliged to accept the hire. Any hire terminating outwith the Renfrewshire Area will be charged at a rate to be agreed at the time of hire.

Fares chargeable for journeys where a taxi is hired on an exclusive basis shall be charged in accordance with the normal fares scale determined by the Council, but shall be modified where a taxi is hired on a shared basis according to the number of hirers sharing the vehicle, as follows:-

1. One hirer: 100% of the fare
2. For two hirers: 100% of the first hirer to the point of the second hirer and thereafter both pay 75% of the standard fare each

- 3.If three hirers: As above to the point of the third hirer and thereafter all pay 65% of the standard fare each.
- 4.If four hirers: As above to the point of the fourth hirer and thereafter all pay 55% of the standard fare each.
- 5.If five hirers: As above to the point of the fifth hirer and thereafter all pay 50% of the standard fare each.
- 6.On departure from the taxi of one or more hirers the fare payable will revert to the rate appropriate to the remaining number of hirers.

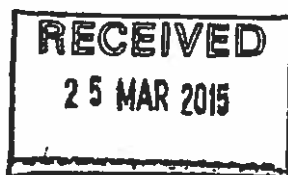
The proposal involves a new additional fee for credit/debit card payment of up to a maximum of 10% together with an increase to Tariff 2 from normal fare plus 1/3 to normal fare plus 1/2.

It is proposed that the above fares scale will come into effect 10 August 2015.

Any person wishing to make representations in relation to the above proposals must do so in writing to the undernoted address, all within a period of one month after the date of this notice, that is no later than 12 April 2015.

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12 March 2015



Renfrewshire Public Hire Association
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 25th March 2015

Alan Russell,
 Director of Finance & Resources,
 Renfrewshire Council.

Representation in relation to proposed Taxi Fares Scale.

Dear Sir,

We refer to the agreed proposal by the Council to increase Tariff 2 from the normal fare plus 1/3 to normal fare plus 1/2. Renfrewshire Public Hire Association who represent the vast majority of Taxi Operators in Renfrewshire would like to formally lodge a representation with regard to the Councils proposal.

We appreciate that Tariff 2 was implemented as a mechanism to calculate the correct Fare on journeys taken within Renfrewshire on the 25th/26th of December and the 1st/2nd of January.

Having read all the proposals that were submitted to the Council can we state that it was misleading to suggest that Tariff 2 has not been reviewed for a number of years as any increase that has ever been applied to (Tariff 1) normal fare, automatically applied an increase to Tariff 2.

The Taxi Trade has for the past thirty years applied a surcharge of 1/3 on to the normal fare for journeys terminating out with Renfrewshire. It is standard practice to display the full fare on the

meter. Tariff 2 being set at normal fare plus 1/3 facilitates this process.

The proposed increase on Tariff 2 to normal fare plus 1/2 would equate to a 12.5% increase. This represents a significant and unjustified increase to these taxi trips. The Association is eager to ensure that this would not provide a mechanism or an incentive for abuse by some.

It is our opinion that Tariff 2 should remain unaltered but if the Council are still of the opinion to proceed with this proposal then perhaps an alternative to facilitate an increase on the 25th/26th of December and the 1st/2nd of January should be a surcharge of £1.00 added to each hire, this by our calculations would apply the same increase to the average hire within Renfrewshire on these days. This can be easily achieved by way of the taxi meters existing extras feature which would also negate the cost of meter recalibration.

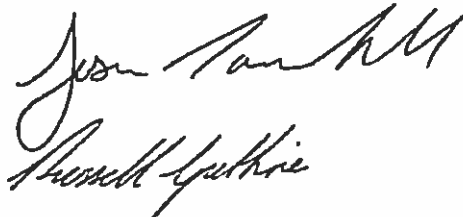
It is also our fear that this level of change in Tariff 2 would result in a biased opinion of all taxi fares, whether justified or not and effect a reduction in use that would not be recoverable from the increase alone. The effect could be rather than gaining, taxi drivers could actually lose out as a result of this proposed increase.

It is our understanding that case law does exist, Glasgow District Council v Traffic Commissioner for the Scottish Traffic area, 1990, upheld a complaint that Tariff increases were not being applied to the Tariff as a whole but to only one segment of the Tariff. This is exactly what the proposed increase to Tariff 2 seeks to achieve, and would therefore, in our view be subject to the same findings.

We make this representation on behalf of our members and in the best interests of our customers.

Yours sincerely,

Renfrewshire Public Hire Association.



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Proposal 2

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 Date: 14/11/2014 16:23
 Subject: Taxi Fares Review 2014

Dear Katie,

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Renfrewshire Council Taxi Fares Review 2014

I would like to offer Glasgow Airport views on the current Taxi Fares review for 2014.

Firstly, we would not like to see a general increase in the mileage rate for Renfrewshire taxis. We feel the current rates are fair for both customers and Taxi drivers.

We would support the addition on the tariff card of the 10% Credit / Debit Card surcharge. I believe this will improve customer service within Renfrewshire as Drivers will not continue to discourage the use of Card Payments for those wishing to use this service. The charge is made by the Service provider and Glasgow Airport does not in any way receive income from this charge.

We would also like to inform you that from 1st March 2015, the cost of entry to the terminal forecourt will increase from £1.00 to £1.50. This brings the charge in line with what all taxis pay for access to the Airport Car Parks. We would support the increase being recognised on the Tariff Card.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to give our views on the 2014 Fare review.

Kind Regards

On behalf of Glasgow Airport

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Good afternoon Katie

I have attached for the Council's attention a proposal from myself for the Taxi Fares Review 2014.

Kind regards

Kenny Barnes

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14th November 2014

Dear Katie

Renfrewshire Council – Taxi Fares Review 2014

Further to the Council's invitation to take part in the forthcoming taxi fares review for 2014, I would like to submit the following proposal for the Council's consideration.

Firstly, I would like to draw your attention to an issue that came to light during the festive period in 2012 after the 2011/12 Taxi Fares Review. The error was made when the minimum fare for a distance not exceeding ½ mile was increased to £3.20, in doing so the taxi meter agents had to make a calculation for Tariff 2, which as you know during the festive period is meter plus a third.

The issue is that this figure is not an exact amount, and different authorised agent's have us running on a different start rate on tariff 2, as you can see below in figures 1 & 2.



Figure 1: The Halda & Aquila meters all start Tariff 2 on £4.25 Flag Fall



Figure 2: Probably the most common meter at present is the Digitax that starts Tariff 2 on £4.26 Flag Fall.

I am also led to believe that there are one or two meters of a less popular brand, that are being used that start £4.27 on Tariff 2.

My solution to rectify this problem is simple, we increase Tariff 1 to £3.30 and Tariff 2 would then start at an even and accurate £4.40 during the festive period.

Due to the cost involved in having this error rectified, I propose a small change to the distance on the Flag Fall, from $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile (880 yards) to 800 yards.

Existing Tariff

Minimum fare for distance not exceeding ½ mile (880 yards): £3.20

For each additional 239 yards or part thereof: 20p

Cost for the following journeys:

<u>1 Mile</u>	<u>2 Mile</u>	<u>5 Mile</u>	<u>10 Mile</u>
£3.94	£5.42	£9.86	£17.26

Proposed Tariff

Minimum distance for a fare not exceeding 800yards £3.30

For each additional 239 yards or part thereof: 20p

Cost for the following journeys:

<u>1 Mile</u>	<u>2 Mile</u>	<u>5 Mile</u>	<u>10 Mile</u>
£4.18	£5.66	£10.10	£17.50

There are three other changes to the existing tariff fares scale I propose be changed, the first is the waiting time.

Existing Waiting Time

For each period of 2 minutes or part thereof: 34p

Calculated Hourly Rate: £10.20

Proposed Waiting Time

For each period of 50 seconds or part thereof: 20p

Calculated Hourly Rate: £14.40

This proposed change would bring us more into line with other Council's taxi waiting times, as detailed below.

Aberdeen Council

Calculated Hourly Rate: £23.00

Edinburgh Council

Calculated Hourly Rate: £22.50

Glasgow Council

Calculated Hourly Rate £17.15

The second other change to the existing tariff fares scale I propose be changed, is the addition of a charge for payment of fare by credit or debit card.

Extra charge applicable when fare paid by above means: Up to a maximum of 10% of Fare

Wording the additional charge, "Up to a maximum of 10%" gives the trade a chance to try and pursued Glasgow Airport Taxis to reduce these charges in the near future without any further change to the tariff card, hopefully bringing us more into line with other Council's and Taxi Companies.

The last change to the existing tariff fares scale I propose be changed, is the Glasgow Airport Departure Charge.

Mr Andy Jones, Taxi Fleet Manager at Glasgow Airport, officially confirmed today that the Airport intend to increase the departure charge by 50% from £1.00 to £1.50.

Existing Departure Charge

Glasgow Airport Terminal Departure Charge	£1.00
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Proposed Departure Charge

Glasgow Airport Terminal Departure Charge	£1.50
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Should you require any clarification regarding the proposed tariff changes, please feel free to contact me immediately.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Katie,

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Renfrewshire Council Taxi Fares Review 2014

Renfrewshire Public Hire Association has taken a poll of its members on the subject of a Taxi Fares Scale Review, the result being that we propose an increase in the Glasgow Airport Terminal Departure Charge from £1.00 to £1.50. The reason being the Airport have informed us of their intention to levy this increase and after discussions on the subject they have agreed to delay this increase until it has been implemented on the Tariff card as part of this review.

We would also like to propose that a surcharge of 10% of the fare for Credit Card Transactions be included on the Tariff card as this is the charge that we incur from our current provider.

Finally may we thank Renfrewshire Council for the opportunity to consult on this matter and if any further information is required, we will be more than happy to assist.

Yours sincerely,
Jason Tannahill,
R.P.H.A.

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Subject: Taxi Fare Scale Review

Proposals-

Tariff 2 changed from a fare and a third to a fare and a half. Drivers are unwilling to work on Christmas Day and New Years Day for fare and a third any more, as most industries now pay double time to employees who work at this time of year. This rate has not been reviewed in a number of years.

Extras after 0.00am to 05.00am Sunday to Thursday are currently 60p this we would like increased to £1 as currently we struggle to provide any taxi service after 0.00am and maybe this would be an incentive to drivers to work longer and provide a service.

Extras after 0.00am to 05.00am on a Friday and Saturday are currently £1 we would also like this increased to £1.50 as again we struggle to provide any taxi service at these times.

Also we would like a provision on the fare scale chart to be able to charge an additional fee for processing credit card payments, an admin fee up to 10% of the fare.

We would like the current fare scale to remain unchanged regarding the flag fall and the yardage charge. . Any change to this scale would see the taxis becoming too expensive and uncompetitive compared to private hire companies within Renfrewshire. We feel the existing fare scale makes it difficult for us to be competitive just now but an increase would be detrimental to our business and effect the income of drivers. We must remain realistic and competitive with other taxi companies within Renfrewshire.

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Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Taxi Fares Scale

TARIFF

FARES BY DISTANCE

Minimum fare for a distance not exceeding ½ mile.....£3.20
 For each additional 239 yards or part thereof.....20p

FARES FOR WAITING TIME

For each period of 2 minutes or part thereof.....34p

EXTRAS

For each passenger in excess of 4, a fifth passenger charge of60p
 (applicable to 5,6, or 7 seater taxis)
 An additional charge for journeys commencing after midnight and before 5.00am Sunday to Thursday.....60p
 An additional charge for journeys commencing after midnight and before 5.00am Friday and Saturday.....£1.00
 Glasgow Airport Terminal Departure charge.....£1.00

From midnight on 24 December until midnight on 26 December the fare chargeable shall be.....normal fare plus 1/3 (Tariff 2)
 From midnight on 31 December until midnight on 2 January the fare chargeable shall be.....normal fare plus 1/3 (Tariff 2)

SOILING FEE

Soiling in this context includes any soiling by means of food, drink, vomit, urine or excrement..... up to a maximum of £50.00

FARES TO PLACES BEYOND THE RENFREWSHIRE AREA BOUNDARY

The driver is not obliged to accept the hire. Any hire terminating outwith the Renfrewshire Area will be charged at a rate to be agreed at the time of hire.

Fares chargeable for journeys where a taxi is hired on an exclusive basis shall be charged in accordance with the normal fares scale determined by the Council, but shall be modified where a taxi is hired on a shared basis according to the number of hirers sharing the vehicle, as follows:-

1. One hirer: 100% of the fare
2. For two hirers: 100% of the first hirer to the point of the second hirer and thereafter both pay 75% of the standard fare each
3. If three hirers: As above to the point of the third hirer and thereafter all pay 65% of the standard fare each.
4. If four hirers: As above to the point of the fourth hirer and thereafter all pay 55% of the standard fare each.
5. If five hirers: As above to the point of the fifth hirer and thereafter all pay 50% of the standard fare each.
6. On departure from the taxi of one or more hirers the fare payable will revert to the rate appropriate to the remaining number of hirers.

TAXI FARE SCALES WITHIN SURROUNDING AUTHORITIES

Authority	1 mile	3 miles	5 miles
City of Glasgow	£3.80	£8.60	£12.40
East Renfrewshire	£3.10	£6.10	£9.10
Inverclyde	£3.20	£6.40	£9.60
West Dunbarton	£3.40	£7.20	£11.00
North Ayrshire	£3.10	£6.50	£9.90
Renfrewshire (current)	£4.00	£7.20	£10.40

For comparison purposes, it has been considered that the journey is wholly within the boundaries of the Council concerned;

CURRENT AND PROPOSED TAXI FARE SCALES

	Current	Advertised Proposal	RPHA Proposal
Fares by distance			
Minimum fare for a distance not exceeding ½ mile	£3.20	no change	no change
For each additional 239 yards or part thereof	20p	no change	no change
Fares for waiting time			
For each period of 2 minutes or part thereof	34p	no change	no change
Extras			
For each passenger in excess of 4, a fifth passenger charge of (applicable to 5, 6, or 7 seater taxis)	60p	no change	no change
An additional charge for journeys commencing after midnight and before 5 am Sunday to Thursday	60p	no change	no change
An additional charge for journeys commencing after midnight and before 5.00 am Friday and Saturday	£1.00	no change	no change
Glasgow Airport Terminal Departure charge	£1.00	no change	no change
From midnight on 24 December until midnight on 26 December the fare chargeable shall be	Normal Fare plus 1/3 (Tariff 2)	Normal Fare plus 1/2 (Tariff 2)	Normal Fare plus 1/3 (Tariff 2)
From midnight on 31 December until midnight on 2 January the fare chargeable shall be	Normal Fare plus 1/3 (Tariff 2)	Normal Fare plus 1/2 (Tariff 2)	Normal Fare plus 1/3 (Tariff 2)
Soiling Fee			
Soiling in this context includes any soiling by means of food, drink, vomit, urine or excrement	up to a maximum of £50.00	no change	no change
Proposed additional charge		up to a maximum of 10% credit/debit card surcharge	up to a maximum of 10% credit/debit card surcharge
			£1.00 surcharge fares at Tariff 2 for Festive dates

Fares to Places Beyond the Renfrewshire Area Boundary

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