

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Regulatory Functions Board

Date	Time	Venue
Thursday, 19 February 2015	10:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Legal & Democratic Services

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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)

Items of business

During consideration of the following items of business, the meeting will be open to the press and public.

Apologies

Apologies received from members of the Board.

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.

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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 items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8(a),9 and 11 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 Taxi Driver's Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for the grant of a Taxi Driver's Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who have submitted an objection received outwith the statutory timescale to the application:-

Craig Hughes, 38 Nith Drive, Renfrew

3 Renewal of Taxi Drivers' Licences - Personal Appearances

Submit the undernoted applications for renewal of Taxi Drivers' Licences. The applicants have been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Police Scotland who have submitted representations to the applications:-

- (a) Robert Hynd, 10C Barmill Road, Beith
- (b) James Mason, Flat G/L, 2 Brodie Park Avenue, Paisley

4 Renewal of Private Hire Car Drivers' Licences - Personal Appearances

Under reference to item 3(b) of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 14th January, 2015 resume consideration of application (a) for renewal of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence and submit applications (b), (c) and (d) for renewal of Private Hire Car Drivers' Licences. Applicant (a) has been asked to appear personally for the second time and applicants (b), (c) and (d) for the first time together with Police Scotland who have submitted a representation to application (a); a representation received outwith the statutory timescale to application (b); a representation to application (c); and an objection and a further objection received outwith the statutory timescale to application (d):-

- (a) Fred Wandera, 34 Melrose Avenue, Linwood
- (b) David McGinley, 136B Stirling Drive, Linwood
- (c) Derek Stewart, 22 Lintlaw Drive, Glasgow
- (d) John McLatchie, 242B Paisley Road, Renfrew

5 Grant of Landlord Registration - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for the grant of Landlord Registration. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

David Giles, 58 Douglas Drive, East Kilbride

Adjournment

The meeting will adjourn after consideration of item 5 and reconvene at 1.30 pm.

6 Hearing into Possible Suspension of Taxi Driver's Licence - Personal Appearance

Consider the possible suspension of the undernoted Taxi Driver's Licence. The licence holder has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Harley Smith who has submitted a complaint against the licence holder:-

James Robertson, 109 Donaldswood Park, Paisley

7 Renewal of Private Hire Car Driver's Licence - Personal Appearance

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

Christopher Kerr, Flat 2/2, 98 Main Road, Elderslie

8 Grant of Street Traders' Licences - Personal Appearances

Submit the undernoted applications for the grant of Street Traders' Licences. The applicants have been asked to appear personally for the first time together with the Council's Town Centre's Project and Events Manager who has submitted an objection to one of the locations detailed in application (a):-

(a) **Applicant:** Yvonne Dehn, 13 North Marches, Anstruther
Authorised Goods: fresh fish, eggs, cakes and bread
Trading From: Renfrewshire area
Operating Hours: Tuesday and Friday – 8.00 am to 7.00 pm

(b) **Applicant:** Kelly McDowall, Flat 1/2, 14 Kings Street, Paisley
Authorised Goods: hot and cold food and beverages
Trading From: Watt Road and Huntly Road, Hillington Industrial Estate and Maxwell Street, Paisley
Operating Hours: Monday to Friday – 6.00 am to 2.30 pm – Hillington
7 days per week – 9.00 pm to 4.00 am – Paisley

(c) **Applicant:** Kyle Brown, 10/1 Montgomery Avenue, Paisley
Authorised Goods: hot and cold food and beverages
Trading From: Watt Road and Huntly Road, Hillington Industrial Estate and Maxwell Street, Paisley
Operating Hours: Monday to Friday – 6.00 am to 2.30 pm – Hillington
7 days per week – 9.00 pm to 4.00 am – Paisley

9 Renewal of Street Trader's Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for renewal of a Street Trader's Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with Councillor Audrey Doig who has submitted an objection to locations detailed in the application:-

Applicant: Alistair Murdoch, Flat 0/2, 6 Millview Crescent, Johnstone
Authorised Goods: icecream, confectionary, cigarettes and groceries
Trading From: Stirling Drive and Erskinefauld Road, Linwood and Craigends Estate, Houston
Operating Hours: 7 days per week – 11.00 am to 10.00 pm

10 Renewal of Public Entertainment Licence - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for renewal of a Public Entertainment Licence. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time together with the Council's Director of Community Resources who has submitted an objection to the application:-

Applicant: Craig Reilly, Flat 0/1, 6 Friarshall Gate, Paisley

Activity: tanning salon

Premises: 97 Causeyside Street, Paisley

Operating Hours: 7 days per week – 10.00 am to 10.00 pm

11 Variation of Taxi Licence and Request for Exemption from Assisting Wheelchair Passengers - Personal Appearance

Submit the undernoted application for variation of a Taxi Licence and request for exemption from assisting wheelchair passengers. The applicant has been asked to appear personally for the first time:-

Applicant: David McDonald, 30 Anchor Crescent, Paisley

Variation: paragraph 22, section (ii) not to apply to licence to allow operation of a saloon vehicle

To: Regulatory Functions Board

On: 19 February 2015

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

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

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Council as Licensing Authority is obliged to fix scales for the fares and other charges in its area in connection with the hire of a taxi. Fares require to be fixed within 18 months beginning with the date on which scales last came in to effect.
- 1.2 The last Taxi Fares Review was carried out during 2013 with a revised Taxi Fares Scale being fixed, which came into effect on 15th January 2014. That revised fares scale represented an increase from the previous scales which were in effect, as an Airport Departure charge of £1.00 was introduced.
- 1.3 On 23rd October 2014, the Council by letter and e-mail consulted with persons or organisations representative of the operators of taxis operating within its area on the current taxi fare scale. Prior to this, officers of the Council had met with parties representative of the taxi trade on 22nd July 2014 when the existing taxi fares scale was discussed. The consultation also included individual taxi operators who were informed of the consultation on 24th October 2014 by text alert. Five responses to the consultation have been received.
- 1.4 The existing scales require to be reviewed and new scales proposed by the Board. Thereafter, formal notification of the proposed new scales

will be given via a newspaper advertisement in the local press in order that representations may be made on the agreed proposal by a specified date at least one month from the date of the newspaper advertisement.

- 1.5 A further report will thereafter be submitted to the Board after the last date for making representations in order that the representations can be considered and the new fare scale can be fixed. The new taxi fares scale requires to be fixed by 14th July 2015, although the date for it to come into effect requires to be decided by the Board.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board: -
- (i) review the existing fares scale attached at Appendix 3 and consider the proposals attached at Appendix 4 and decide which of these proposals, or other fares scale, should be proposed as a new taxi fares scale for Renfrewshire and included in the newspaper advertisement as detailed in paragraph 1.4 above;
 - (ii) agree a proposed date of 10th August 2015 for the proposed revised fare scale to come in to effect;
 - (iii) note that, if approved by the Board, the proposals will be advertised in the local press, and thereafter
 - (iv) agree that the last day for lodging representations following on the proposed fare scale being advertised shall be one calendar month after the date of publication of that advertisement.

3. Background

- 3.1 Prior to fixing a new Taxi Fares Scale, the Council as Licensing Authority requires to consult with persons or organisations appearing to it to be, or be representative of, the operators of taxis in its area, review the existing fares scales and propose new scales and publish these in a local newspaper.
- 3.2 Consultation has taken place with organisations appearing to the Licensing Authority to be representative of operators of taxis operating in the area, namely:-

- Glasgow Airport Ltd
- Paisley Taxis Ltd
- Renfrewshire Radio Taxis Ltd
- Raymond Stanley
- Renfrewshire Public Hire Association
- Stephen Deans, Unite the Union
- Glasgow Airport Taxi Association Ltd (K Barnes)

- 3.3 Consultation was by letter or e-mail of 23rd October 2014. Individual taxi operators who provided mobile phone numbers were advised of the consultation by text alert.
- 3.4 The responses received are summarised in paragraphs 3.4.1 to 3.4.5 of this report.
- 3.4.1 Ian Smith, Taxi Operator (Proposal 1) – Mr Smith requests that there be no increase to the existing tariff.
- 3.4.2 Andy Jones, Glasgow Airport Limited (Proposal 2) – Mr Jones states that Glasgow Airport Limited would not seek a general increase in the mileage rate. He considers the current rates fair for both customers and taxi drivers. He does however support the inclusion in the fare card of a 10% credit/debit card surcharge to cover the charge made by the service provider for card payments in respect of Glasgow Airport hires and, additionally, an increased barrier charge for entry to the Terminal forecourt from £1.00 to £1.50, which he states will be introduced from 1st March 2015.
- 3.4.3 Kenny Barnes (Proposal 3) – Mr Barnes seeks various changes to the current fares scale. Firstly, he seeks increases in Tariff 1 from £3.20 to £3.30 and Tariff 2 to £4.40. He seeks a change in the distance relative to the flag fall, from a half mile to 800 yards. He also requests that an increased charge for waiting time be introduced (which he states is consistent with Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow City Council's approved fares) and that a surcharge may be charged to cover the costs of card payments where levied by the provider of these payment facilities, up to a maximum of 10% of the taxi fare. Finally, he seeks that the increased departure charge proposed by Glasgow Airport Limited of £1.50 (currently £1.00) should be reflected in the taxi fares scale.
- 3.4.4 Jason Tannahill (Proposal 4) – Mr Tannahill confirms on behalf of Renfrewshire Public Hire Association that they, having taken a poll of their members, propose an increase to reflect the proposed Glasgow Airport Terminal Departure Charge increase from £1.00 to £1.50. He states that Glasgow Airport have said it is their intention to delay

implementation of this charge until it is included in the taxi fares scale. He also seeks that a surcharge of 10% of the taxi fare for the purposes of card payments is included, based upon charges incurred to the current provider of these payment facilities in relation to taxis ranking at Glasgow Airport.

- 3.4.5 Craig Allan (Proposal 5) – Mr Allan states that he wishes Tariff 2 to be changed from a fare and a third to a fare and a half, to reflect wages in other businesses over Christmas and new Year. He states that drivers are unwilling to work on Christmas Day and New Year's Day for the current rates and notes that this rate has not been reconsidered for a number of years. He requests that extra charges for journeys commencing after midnight and before 5am on Sunday to Thursday be increased from 60 pence to £1.00 (on Fridays and Saturdays from £1.00 to £1.50), as an incentive to drivers to work longer and provide a service. He also seeks that an additional fee for processing credit cards be chargeable, up to a maximum of 10% of the fare charged. He seeks no change to the current flag fall and yardage charges, on the basis that any increase in those would result in taxis becoming too expensive and uncompetitive compared to private hire cars.
- 3.5 Copies of these responses are attached at Appendix 4 and the fares as existing and as proposed are summarised at Appendix 1.
- 3.6 In reviewing the scales, the Board will be conscious of the impact of any increase in fares on the general public. In relation to the current rate of inflation, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) grew by 0.5% in the year to December 2014, down from 1% in the year to November 2014.
- 3.7 Appendix 2 to this report shows the tariffs operating in the surrounding areas for the purposes of comparison with the current and proposed fares within Renfrewshire. These tariffs illustrate a standard journey only.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – there will be costs associated with the production of new fare scales, cards and advertising costs which will require to be met in existing budgets.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** - Nil
3. **Community Planning** – Nil

4. **Legal –**

(i) Section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) 1982 as amended provides that the maximum fare for the hire of taxis and other related charges shall not be greater than those fixed under that Section by the Licensing Authority. The amended section states that the Licensing Authority must fix scales for the fares and other charges within 18 months beginning with the date on which scales last came into effect.

(ii) The Licensing Authority may in fixing scales alter fares or charges or fix them at the same rate as existing charges.

(iii) Before fixing a new taxi fare scale, the Council must consult with persons appearing to be representative of taxi operators, review existing scales and propose new scales and advertise its proposal in a newspaper circulating in its area detailing the proposal, the date when it is proposed to come into effect and stating that representations may be made within a specified period (ending at least one month from the date of the advertisement).

(iv) if any representations are received, the Council require to consider these before fixing a new fares scale.

5. **Property/Assets** - Nil

6. **Information Technology** - Nil

7. **Equality & Human Rights** - (Please select the statement applicable to the recommendations contained within this board report and delete remaining statements)

(a) 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 because it seeks a review only of taxi fares, 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

(a) Background Papers-
None

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CURRENT AND PROPOSED TAXI FARE SCALES

	Current	Proposal (1)	Proposal (2)	Proposal (3)	Proposal (4)	Proposal (5)
Fares by distance						
Minimum fare for a distance not exceeding ½ mile	£3.20	no change	no change	£3.30 for 800 yards	no change	no change
For each additional 239 yards or part thereof	20p	no change	no change	no change	no change	no change
Fares for waiting time						
For each period of 2 minutes or part thereof	34p	no change	no change	increase: 20p per 50 seconds	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	no change	no change	no change
An additional charge for journeys commencing after midnight and before 5 am Sunday to Thursday	60p	no change	no change	no change	no change	£1.00
An additional charge for journeys commencing after midnight and before 5.00 am Friday and Saturday	£1.00	no change	no change	no change	no change	£1.50
Glasgow Airport Terminal Departure charge	£1.00	no change	£1.50	£1.50	£1.50	no change
From midnight on 24 December until midnight on 26 December the fare chargeable shall be	Normal Fare plus 1/3 (Tariff 2)	no change	no change	£4.40 minimum fare for a distance not exceeding 800 yards (Tariff 2)	no change	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 1/3 (Tariff 2)	no change	no change	£4.40 minimum fare for a distance not exceeding 800 yards (Tariff 2)	no change	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	up to a maximum of £50.00	no change	no change	no change	no change	no change
Proposed additional charge			10% credit/debit card surcharge	up to a maximum of 10% credit/debit card surcharge	10% credit/debit card surcharge	up to a maximum of 10% credit/debit card surcharge

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 third hirer and thereafter all pay 55% of the standard fare each
5. If five hirers As above to the point of the third 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	£3.60	£7.20	£10.80
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;

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982
Taxi Fares Scale

TARIFF

FARES BY DISTANCE

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For each additional 239 yards or part thereof.....	20p

FARES FOR WAITING TIME

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

For each passenger in excess of 4, a fifth passenger charge of	60p
(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

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Proposal 2

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 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

Kenneth Barnes

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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,
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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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