

Regulatory Committee

9.00am, Tuesday 26 October 2021

Present

Councillors Fullerton (Convener), Dixon (Vice-Convener), Booth (substituting for Councillor Rae), Mitchell, Mowat, Neil Ross.

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Regulatory Committee of 23 August 2021 as a correct record.

2. Taxi Fares Review 2021

The Council was required to review and fix the scale of fares and other charges which may be used by taxis licensed within the city. A report informed the Committee that the statutory review of fares had been undertaken and presented the consultant's report on the initial work on the review. Consultation with the trade had also been carried out. The report made recommendations on the remaining steps necessary to complete the review and fix taxi fares.

Decision

- 1) To note the report from Jacobs (attached at Appendix 2 to the report by the Executive Director of Place), and in particular the recommendations following consultation with representatives of the taxi trade.
- 2) To note that feedback was sought from the representatives of the taxi trade on the initial Jacobs report and, where possible, this had been incorporated in that report.
- 3) To approve the advertisement of a proposed fare scale with the following changes to the current fare scale, for reasons set out in the report, as required in terms of section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982:
 - i. Increases all tariffs by 2.9%
 - ii. Increases the 'additional passenger charge' from 30p to 40p when there are more than three passengers; and
 - iii. Amends the festive tariff so that Tariff 4 should be applied to Christmas Day and New Year's Day irrespective of day of the week and notes that Tariff 4 is retained during night times on Christmas Eve

and New Year's Eve. Tariff 3 applies Monday through Friday 6am to 6pm during the defined Christmas period.

- 4) To instruct the Executive Director of Place to publish these proposed fare scales in a newspaper circulating in the Council area in the manner required under section 17(4A) (c) of the Act including the date on which the fare scale is planned to take effect, and to report back on any representation(s) received as a result of the consultation.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)