

EX28. Review of Taxi Fare Scales and Other Charges

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services proposing to maintain the taxi fare scales and charges at their current levels.

The Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 imposed a duty on all Councils to fix, from time to time, the maximum charges for the hire of taxis. There had been several reviews in recent years but the last increase in the tariff was introduced in October 2018.

Before fixing any scales or undertaking such a review, the Council must:-

- consult with persons or organisations appearing to them to be, or be representative of, the operators of taxis operating within their area;
- give notice of their intention by advertisement in a newspaper in its area stating, (a) the general effect of the proposals and the date when they propose that its decision will take effect; and (b) that any person may lodge written representations with respect to the proposals within a period of one month after the date of the first publication of the notice, and
- consider any such representations duly lodged.

The taxi forum was identified as being representative of operators of taxis and was invited to make representation in respect of the tariff. The forum was not in favour of any increase in the taxi tariff.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) to maintain the taxi fare scales and charges at their current levels, and**
- (2) instruct the Director of Corporate and Housing Services to advertise the fare scales and charges to take effect from 1 October 2019, and**
 - (a) in the event of any written representations being received in respect of the published proposals, a further report will be submitted to the Executive to allow them to be considered, and**
 - (b) in the event that no written representations are received the proposals will be held as confirmed and formally notified to the consultees.**