

EX76. REVIEW OF TAXI SCALES AND OTHER CHARGES

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services recommending a scale of fares and charges for the hire of taxis licensed by the Council.

The Council is required to fix the scale of fares and other charges for the hire of taxis at 18 monthly intervals. The current tariff came into effect on 30 September 2013. The report set out the process by which Council must review and set its tariffs together with the recommended tariff.

Following consultation with the Falkirk Taxi and Private Hire Car Forum, it was recommended that the tariff remain unchanged, with the review coming into formal effect on 29 February 2016. Should the Executive agree the proposal, Council is required to give notice of their intention by advertisement in a local newspaper and to consider any representations made before reaching a final decision. Operators of taxis can appeal against a licensing authority's decision in regard to its tariff.

Additionally the report confirmed that all operators would be advised of forthcoming holiday rates. It is the responsibility of operators to have these dates programmed into their respective meters at the conclusion of every review.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) to maintain the fare scales and charges at their current levels;**
- (2) to instruct the Chief Governance Officer to advertise the fare scales and charges to take effect from midnight on 29 February 2016;**
- (3) 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**
- (4) in the event that no written representations are received the proposals will be held as confirmed and formally notified to the consultees.**