

FALKIRK COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF MINUTE of MEETING of the POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2010 at 10.30 a.m.

PR56. REVIEW OF TAXI FARE SCALES AND OTHER CHARGES

With reference to Minute of Meeting of the Environment and Community Safety Committee held on 17 August 2010 (Paragraph ECS12 refers), there was submitted Report (circulated) dated 10 November 2010 by the Acting Director of Law and Administration Services intimating that, following a proposal from the Taxi Trade, via the Taxi Forum, that the running mile charge be increased by 3%, the Environment and Community Safety had unanimously agreed the proposal and, as required by statute, advertised it in the local press where no responses were received.

Councillor Martin, seconded by Councillor Nimmo moved the recommendations as contained within the Report.

By way of an amendment Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Kenna moved the recommendations in the report with the following addendum:-

“Committee agrees that in future all changes to the charges proposed for the Taxi Trade must be approved by the Environment and Community Safety Committee first to ensure proper scrutiny of their implications. This would include any proposed budget increases on such as the hackney Test fee which was doubled at the budget meeting in February at the same time as taxi card entitlement was being cut in half, both measures implemented without proper scrutiny.”

On a division 3 Members voted for Motion and 4 Members for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **AGREED:-**

- (1) to endorse the decision of the Environment and Community Safety Committee on 17 August 2010 to agree to the proposed new fares scales detailed in the report attached to the report to this Committee, and accordingly to fix the fares for the hire of taxis in the Authority's area and all other charges allowed by Section 17(1) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 in terms of the Schedule attached to the Report setting out these fares and charges;
- (2) to instruct the Acting Director of Law & Administration Services to give notice in terms of section 17(4) of the Act to those persons and organisations consulted in terms of section 17(3)(a) and to inform them of the general effect of section 18(1)(appeals in respect of taxi fares), and
- (3) that in future all changes to the charges proposed for the Taxi Trade must be approved by the Environment and Community Safety Committee first to ensure proper scrutiny of their implications. This would include any proposed budget increases on such as the hackney Test fee which was doubled at the budget meeting in February at the same time as taxi card entitlement was being cut in half, both measures implemented without proper scrutiny.