

LICENSING COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, 5 Hall Street, Clydebank, on Tuesday, 16 January 2024 at 12.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors Gurpreet Singh Johal, June McKay, John Millar and Chris Pollock.

Attending: Michael McDougall, Manager of Legal Services; Robert Mackie, Senior Licensing Officer; Lawrence Knighton, Civic Licensing Standards Officer and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Ian Dickson, James McElhill, Lawrence O'Neill and Hazel Sorrell and Sergeant David Holmes, Police Scotland.

Councillor Gurpreet Singh Johal in Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 6 December 2023 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 REVIEW OF TAXI FARES AND CHARGES CLYDEBANK TAXI LICENSING ZONE

A report was submitted by Chief Officer - Regulatory and Regeneration, providing detail on the review of fares and charges applicable to taxis operating within the Clydebank Taxi Licensing Zone.

After discussion and having heard Mr McDougall, Manager of Legal Services and Mr Mackie, Senior Licensing Officer in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions with particular reference to costs faced by Taxi Operators, the Committee then heard from McSheaffrey in support of the Clydebank Taxi Operator's Group's submission. Mr McSheaffrey confirmed that only members who held a Taxi Licence were permitted to vote on the proposal as outlined in the Group's submission.

After further discussion and having reviewed the existing scales for fares and other charges for the Clydebank Taxi Licensing Zone, Members agreed for the proposed scales and fares and other charges to be submitted to public consultation:-

- a. that the proposed changes to the current level of fares and charges applicable to the Clydebank Taxi Licensing Zone be considered as follows:-

increase the flagfall on Tariff One by 50p;
increase the flagfall on Tariff Two by 50p;
increase the flagfall on Tariff Three by 70p;

increase the running mile by 10p on Tariff One;
increase the running mile by 20p on Tariff Two;
increase the running mile by 30p on Tariff Three;

increase the period for waiting time from 10p for each 30 seconds (£12.00 per hour) to 10p for each 20 seconds (£18.00 per hour);

change the period of time when Tariff 2 is applicable from 6.00 pm until Midnight on 24 December and 31 January to 6.00 am until Noon on 24 December and 31 January;

change the period of time when Tariff 3 is applicable from Midnight on 24 December and 31 January to Noon on 24 December and 31 January;

increase the amount where extra charges will apply for a taxi called by telephone or via App and not cancelled before arrival from £3.30 to £3.80;

change the wording from

'Taxi drivers may add on any charge incurred at Glasgow Airport when either dropping off or picking up passengers'

to

'Taxi drivers may add on any charge incurred at any Airport or car park when either dropping off or picking up passengers'.

- (d) that the Committee instructs officers to arrange for the advertisement of the fares and charges proposed by the Committee and review any representations received; and
- (e) that authority be delegated to the Chief Officer: Regulatory & Regeneration, in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee, to conclude the review without the requirement for the Committee to consider a further report on the matter provided no representations are received in relation to the proposal.

DECIDED:-

Members having reviewed the existing scales for fares and other charges for the Clydebank Taxi Licensing Zone agreed to proposed scales for fares and other charges to be forward for public consultation.

The meeting closed at 12.14 p.m.

