

Appendix 1 - Procedure in relation to being recognised as a representative of the operators of taxis

Introduction

The West Dunbartonshire Licensing Committee must fix scales for the fares and other charges in relation to the hire of taxis. It must do so within 18 months of the previous scales coming into affect. Prior to fixing these scales, the licensing authority must review these scales.

When reviewing these scales, the Licensing Committee will consult with persons or organisations appearing to it to be, or to be representative of, the operators of taxis operating within its area. It is practice of the Licensing Committee to consult with persons or organisations appearing to it to be representative of the operators of taxis operating within its area.

Taxi zones

The Committee operates two zones within the Council boundaries: Clydebank and Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven. Details of the number of taxi operator licences as of 10 September 2024 in each area is set out at figure 1.

Area	Number of taxi operator licences
Clydebank	147
Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven	174

Figure 1

Recognition of persons or organisations representing operators of taxis

The Licensing Committee will consult with:-

- any person or organisation already recognised as being representative of the operators of taxis by the Licensing Committee; and
- any person or organisation that can demonstrate they are representative of at least 10% of all taxi licence holders within the relevant zone

The following persons or organisations are already recognised as being representative of operators of taxis:-

Area	Person or organisation
Clydebank	Clydebank Taxi Operator's Group
Dumbarton and Vale of Leven	Dumbarton Taxi Trade Association

In order to be recognised as a person or organisation as representing operators of taxis, the Licensing Committee requires that the person or organisation writes to the Licensing Section and confirm that they wish to be so recognised and provide written authorisation from at least 10% of all taxi licence holders within the relevant zone.

For the purposes of this requirement each individual licence is to be treated as an operator.

For the avoidance of doubt, where a single person or organisation holds at least 10% of the taxi operator licences in a zone, they will be consulted as a matter of course.

Where the Licensing Committee receives such a request, it will be for the Manager of Legal Services – having regard to this document - to approve the request or to defer the matter to a meeting of the Licensing Committee for determination.

Trade consultation

When responding to the consultation, persons or organisations representing operators of taxis should note that the Licensing Committee requires information relating to the costs incurred by the trade, having regard to the capital costs (including interest payments) of the vehicles, the costs of maintaining and replacing them to the standards required by the licensing authority, the costs of employing drivers, and the prevailing levels of wages and costs in related road transport industries.

Any requests relating to the scales should be supported by probative evidence.

Public consultation

Having consulted with persons or organisations representing operators of taxis, reviewing the existing scales and proposing new scales, these scales will be published in a newspaper circulated in the respective zone. The publication of the proposed scales of fares will activate a representation period.

The Council will thereafter consider any representations received prior to fixing scales.

Further information

You can contact the Council's Licensing Section for further information.

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