

Minute

Licensing Committee

Thursday, 7 December 2017, 10:30.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Duncan A Tullock, Alexander G Cowie, Norman R Craigie, Robin W Crichton, J Harvey Johnston and Owen Tierney.

Clerk

- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Gillian Morrison, Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal Services.
- Elaine Sinclair, Legal Clerk.

Apologies

- Councillor Barbara Foulkes.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.

Police Scotland:

- Temporary Inspector Keith Bendall.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were declared.

Chair

- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

1. Review of Fares and Charges

Taxi Services on Mainland Area of Orkney

After consideration of a report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Legal Services, the Committee:

Noted:

1.1. The current scales for maximum fares and charges for all taxi services within the Mainland area of Orkney, including the linked south isles, effective from 1 May 2017, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

1.2. That a statutory consultation process with taxi operators was undertaken during the period 1 September to 13 October 2017, when operators were requested to submit comments or suggestions in respect of the current scales, referred to at paragraph 1.1 above.

1.3. That one representation was received from operators, attached as Appendix 2 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

1.4. That the licensing authority was required, at intervals not exceeding 18 months, to propose new scales, whether at altered rates or the same rates.

1.5. The proposed new scales, attached as Appendix 3 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, based on the representation received from operators, referred to at paragraph 1.3 above.

1.6. That the proposals required to be advertised to allow the public a period of at least one month to submit representations.

1.7. The results of a comparison of scales agreed by other local authorities in the north of Scotland, detailed in Appendices 4 to 8 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

1.8. That, although a representative from Craigies Taxis had intimated that he would be attending the meeting to represent the operators in support of the representation referred to at paragraph 1.3 above, due to adverse weather conditions, he was unable to attend.

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

1.9. That the new scales proposed by taxi operators, referred to at paragraph 1.5 above, be approved for public consultation.

1.10. That the Executive Director of Corporate Services should submit a report, to the meeting of the Committee to be held on 8 March 2018, on the outcome of the public consultation, referred to at paragraph 1.9 above, together with proposed scales for the maximum fares and charges for all taxi services within the mainland area of Orkney, including the linked south isles, to be effective from 1 May 2018.

2. Conclusion of Meeting

At 10:36 the Chair declared the meeting concluded

Signed: Duncan A Tullock.