

Minute

Licensing Committee

Thursday, 2 December 2021, 14:30.

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Present

Councillors Duncan A Tullock, Barbara Foulkes, Alexander G Cowie, Norman R Craigie, Robin W Crichton, Steven B Heddle and J Harvey Johnston.

Clerk

- Angela Kingston, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal Services.
- Elaine Sinclair, Legal Clerk.

Observing

- Lillian Rendall, Legal Clerk.
- Rebecca McAuliffe, Press Officer.

Police Scotland:

- Sergeant Katy Duncan.

Apology

- Councillor Owen Tierney.

Declaration of Interest

- Councillor Robin W Crichton – Item 2.

Chair

- Councillor Duncan A Tullock.

1. Form of Voting

The Committee resolved that, should a vote be required in respect of the matters to be considered at this meeting, notwithstanding Standing Order 21.4, the form of voting should be by calling the roll or recorded vote.

2. Review of Fares and Charges

Taxi Services on Mainland Area of Orkney

Councillor Robin W Crichton declared a non-financial interest in this item, being the holder of a taxi driver's licence, but concluded that his interest did not preclude his involvement in the discussion.

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

Noted:

2.1. 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 2021, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive.

2.2. That a statutory consultation process with taxi operators was undertaken during the period 19 August to 15 October 2021, when operators were requested to submit comments or suggestions in respect of the current scales, referred to at paragraph 2.1 above.

2.3. That no representations were received from operators.

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

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

The Committee resolved, in terms of delegated powers:

2.6. That the new scales, which were the same as the current scales for maximum fares and charges for all taxi services, referred to at paragraph 2.1 above, be approved for public consultation.

2.7. That the Chief Executive should submit a report, to the meeting of the Committee to be held on 10 March 2022, on the outcome of the public consultation, referred to at paragraph 2.6 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 2022.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

At 14:34 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Duncan A Tullock.