

Minute

Licensing Committee

Thursday, 6 December 2018, 14:00.

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

- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal Services.
- David Brown, Environmental Health Manager.
- Elaine Sinclair, Legal Clerk.

Police Scotland:

- Inspector Keith Bendall.

Apologies

- Councillor Barbara Foulkes.
- Councillor Steven B Heddle.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

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 2018, 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 31 August to 12 October 2018, when operators were requested to submit comments or suggestions in respect of the current scales, referred to above.

1.3. That no representations were received from operators.

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. 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:

1.6. 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 1.1 above, be approved for public consultation.

1.7. That the Executive Director of Corporate Services should submit a report, to the meeting of the Committee to be held on 7 March 2019, on the outcome of the public consultation, referred to at paragraph 1.6 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 2019.

2. Conclusion of Meeting

At 14:05 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Duncan A Tullock.