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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>General Purposes Board</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>11 October 2017</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Head of Legal &amp; Property Services</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>LP/087/17</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Taxi Fares Review 2017</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Board to determine the taxi fare scales and charges following its annual review.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 At its meeting in August, the Board, following consideration of the papers before it decided to adopt the scale of fares and other charges set out in the note of tariff which forms Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 Members are asked to note that the costings for the first additional miles in each tariff are described as approximate and should not be seen as an essential part of the fare scales.
- 2.3 It should be noted, further, that the tariffs set out by the local authority are the maximum fares that may be charged by the operators of taxis within Inverclyde.
- 2.4 The proposed taxi fares scales and charges were duly advertised and objections and representations were to be invited within the statutory period of one month following the date of advertisement. No objections or representations were received.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Board is asked to determine the taxi fare scales and charges following the annual review and that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to make the necessary arrangements to implement the new taxi fare scales.

**Gerard Malone**  
**Legal and Property Services**

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Prior to fixing a new Taxi Fare Scale, the Council as Licensing Authority requires to conduct with persons or organisations appearing to it to be, or be representative of, the operators of taxis in its area, review the existing fare scales and propose new scales and publish these in a local newspaper.
- 4.2 On the 2 June 2017, the Council by letter consulted with persons and organisations representative of the operators of taxis operating within its area on the current taxi fare scale. A letter of response to the consultation was received on 27 June 2017 on behalf of Inverclyde Taxis Ltd, ABC (Inverclyde) Ltd and the Operators Liaison Group.
- 4.3 At its meeting in August, the Board, following consideration of the papers before it decided to adopt the scale of fares and other charges set out in the note of tariff which forms Appendix 1 to this report.
- 4.4 The proposed taxi fares scales and charges were duly advertised and objections and representations were to be invited within the statutory period of one month following the date of advertisement. No objections or representations were received.

## **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

### **Finance**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications.

### **Legal**

- 5.2 The Board should note that the Licensing authority must fix scales for the fares and other charges mentioned in section 17 (1) of the 1982 Act within 18 months beginning with the date on which the scales came into effect. Section 18 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 allows taxi operators to lodge appeals against the local authority's decision in setting fares. Any appeals are lodged with the relevant traffic commissioner. If a taxi operator wishes to appeal the new fares, he must lodge his appeal within 14 days after the decision has been made.

### **Human Resources**

- 5.3 There are no Human Resources implications.

### **Equalities**

- 5.4 There are no equalities implications.

### **Repopulation**

- 5.5 There are no repopulation implications.

## **6.0 CONSULTATIONS**

- 6.1 On the 2 June 2017, the Council by letter consulted with persons and organisations representative of the operators of taxis operating within its area on the current taxi fare scale.

## **7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 None

**INVERCLYDE COUNCIL**  
**Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982**  
**NOTE OF TARIFF**

TARIFF 1	Hirings from ranks or 'flag' hirings begun between 6am and 11pm	
	Initial charge (944 yards or part thereof)	£2.50
	Subsequent charge (each additional 101 yards or part thereof)	£0.10
	Approximate cost for first mile	£3.30
	Approximate cost for each additional mile	£1.80
TARIFF 2	Hirings from ranks or 'flag' hirings begun between 11pm and 6am and all pre-booked hirings begun between 6am and 11pm	
	Initial charge (916 yards or part thereof)	£2.60
	Subsequent charge (each additional 98 yards or part thereof)	£0.10
	Approximate cost for first mile	£3.50
	Approximate cost for each additional mile	£1.80
TARIFF 3	Pre-booked hirings begun between 10pm and 6am and hirings from ranks or 'flag' hirings on 2 April (Easter Monday), 7 May (May Day), 30 June (Fair Saturday) and 3 September (Autumn holiday)	
	Initial charge (916 yards or part thereof)	£2.80
	Subsequent charge (each additional 86 yards or part thereof)	£0.10
	Approximate cost for first mile	£3.80
	Approximate cost for each additional mile	£2.00
TARIFF 4	Pre-booked hirings and hirings from ranks or 'flag' hirings on 25 & 26 December and 1 & 2 January	
	Initial charge (first mile or part thereof)	£5.10
	Subsequent charge (each additional 86 yards or part thereof)	£0.10
	Approximate cost for first mile	£5.10
	Approximate cost for each additional mile	£2.00
EXTRAS	£1 per passenger after first four passengers	
WAITING TIME	For each period of 31 seconds or part thereof	£0.20
SOILING CHARGE	Charge dependent on severity up to a maximum of	£50.00
VAT	The foregoing charges are inclusive of Value Added Tax	
COMPLAINTS	Any complaint regarding the operation of this vehicle or its driver should be made to Legal and Property Services, The Inverclyde Council, Municipal Buildings, Greenock (telephone 712139)	
LOST PROPERTY	Any property lost in this vehicle should be reported to the operator and to Police Scotland, Greenock (telephone 101)	

For the avoidance of doubt, a vehicle licensed for private hire which uses a taxi meter to charge for journeys is not permitted thereby to pick up hirings from a rank or any public place.