

**GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 26 FEBRUARY 2021**

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**Friday 26 February 2021 at 10am**

**Present:** Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, MacLeod, J McEleny, Moran and Quinn.

**Chair:** Councillor Dorrian presided.

**In attendance:** Mr D Keenan (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms L Carrick and Ms F Denver (Legal & Property Services).

The meeting was held by video-conference.

**The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Board.**

**110      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      110**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor Jackson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**111      Taxi Fares Review 2020/21      111**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on the annual review of taxi fare scales for the purpose of public advertisement as the first formal stage of the statutory process.

Mr Keenan advised that the matter had been continued from a previous meeting of the Board to allow for officers to provide clarification on fares in terms of tables in a percentage form. This information was shown in Appendix 4 of the report.

Following discussion, Councillor Brooks moved an increase as outlined in paragraph 4.8 of the report which refers to proposals submitted by the trade. This increase refers to a 20p increase on the initial flag fall across all tariffs.

As an amendment, Councillor McEleny moved a 1% increase on the initial flag fall and the yardage across all tariffs.

Following a roll-call vote, 4 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Curley and Quinn voted in favour of the motion and 6 Members, Provost Brennan, Councillors Crowther, Dorrian, MacLeod, J McEleny and Moran, voted in favour of the amendment which was declared carried.

**Decided:**

- (1) increase the initial flag fall across all tariffs by 1%;
- (2) increase each additional yardage after the initial flag fall by 1% across all tariffs; and
- (3) remit to the Head of Legal & Property Services to advertise the proposals determined and report on the outcome once the statutory period for representations has lapsed.