

**GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 22 FEBRUARY 2023**

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**Wednesday 22 February 2023 at 9am**

**Present:** Provost McKenzie, Councillors Cassidy, Crowther, Curley, McCluskey, Quinn, Reynolds, Robertson (for Armstrong) and Wilson.

**Chair:** Councillor Curley presided.

**In attendance:**

David Keenan	Solicitor (for Head of Legal & Democratic Services)
Jim Bradley	Team Leader Transport & Waste Collection (for Shared Head of Roads & Environmental Services)
Anne Sinclair	Legal Services Manager (Licensing, Litigation & Committees)
Fiona Denver	Senior Paralegal Licensing Officer
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Siobhan MacMaster	Solicitor

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Cassidy, Crowther, Quinn, Reynolds and Wilson attending by video-conference.

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

**125      Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest      125**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Armstrong, with Councillor Robertson substituting, and Councillor Moran.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

**126      Taxi Fares Review 2022/23      126**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Democratic Services requesting the Board to consider the annual review of the taxi fare scales for the purposes of public advertisement as the next formal stage of the statutory process and following consultation with all Taxi Operators, including the Operators Liaison Group and other members of the trade.

The Board heard Mr Bradley representing the Shared Head of Roads & Environmental Services, Mr Henry Glasgow and Mr Graham Campbell representing Inverclyde Taxis Ltd, ABC Taxis (Inverclyde) Ltd and the Operators Liaison Group and Mr Paul Travers, an independent Taxi Operator.

Councillor Brennan joined and left the meeting during consideration of this item and did not participate in the discussion.

**Decided:**

- (1) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to publicly advertise the fare scales as determined by the Board with (a) an increase of 12% on the flag fall on all 4 tariffs, and (b) a further increase of 12% on the running mile; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to submit a further report to the Board on the outcome once the statutory period for representations has lapsed.