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Subject: **CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982
TAXI FARES REVIEW 2024**

Response from Head of Regeneration, Planning and Public Protection in respect of the Taxi Fares Review 2024.

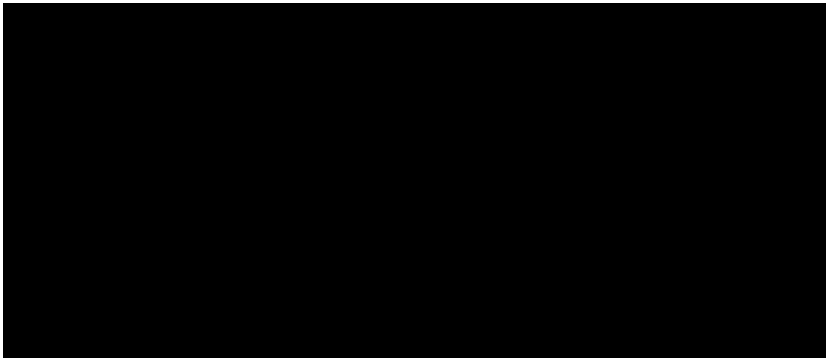
As noted in previous fare reviews increased running and living costs since the last fare increase in May 2023 should be considered as justification for any fare increase. Fuel costs for diesel between 08th May 2023 and 26th August 2024 show a 6% decrease. (Source; Official statistics from Department for Energy Security and Net Zero). This is a snapshot between two dates and costs have fluctuated over this time, however the general trend over this period has been downward.

The Consumer Prices Index (CPI) which takes into account all areas of inflationary pressure provide a broader overview of increased costs taking into account the overall 'cost of living crisis'. The CPI 12-month rate was 3.1% in July 2024. (source; Office for National Statistics).

Confused.com provide a general motor vehicle insurance index which is an indication of the general trend in the cost of insurance. Between Quarter 2 2023 and Quarter 2 2024 this indicates a 14% rise in motor vehicle insurance costs. As stated by the trade there are a limited number of companies that provide Public/Private Hire insurance, and they are not available on price comparison web sites.

The move away from applying flag drop and subsequent distances in increments of £0.10 was to remove the need to reduce distances within both the flag drop and additional distances thereafter when applying tariff increases. The tariff increase illustration at Appendix 1 illustrates the flexibility of this approach in desiring a required tariff change without requiring changing distances.

As requested, we have provided an illustration of tariff increases ranging from 3% to 12%, this is provided as Appendix 1. All illustrated fares are calculated by applying the prescribed percentage increase to both the flag drop (initial fare) and the charge per subsequent distance and being rounded to the nearest penny. The rounding effect on both elements of the calculation means that the percentage increase is not exact on all tariffs over all distances. However, it does illustrate the exact fare over the stated distance and allow a comparison with the current tariff.



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Appendix 1		Tariff Increase Illustration							
Current Tariff	Tariff 1			Tariff 2		Tariff 3		Tariff 4	
	Initial Charge	£3.08		Initial Charge	£3.19	Initial Charge	£3.42	Initial Charge	£5.99
	1 Mile	£4.48		1 Mile	£4.59	1 Mile	£4.82	1 Mile	£5.99
	2 Miles	£6.58		2 Miles	£6.69	2 Miles	£7.27	2 Miles	£8.79
	3.5 Miles	£9.73		3.5 Miles	£9.84	3.5 Miles	£11.12	3.5 Miles	£12.29
3% Increase	Tariff 1			Tariff 2		Tariff 3		Tariff 4	
	Initial Charge	£3.17		Initial Charge	£3.29	Initial Charge	£3.52	Initial Charge	£6.17
	1 Mile	£4.61		1 Mile	£4.73	1 Mile	£4.96	1 Mile	£6.17
	2 Miles	£6.77		2 Miles	£6.89	2 Miles	£7.48	2 Miles	£9.05
	3.5 Miles	£10.01		3.5 Miles	£10.13	3.5 Miles	£11.44	3.5 Miles	£12.65
4% Increase	Tariff 1			Tariff 2		Tariff 3		Tariff 4	
	Initial Charge	£3.20		Initial Charge	£3.32	Initial Charge	£3.56	Initial Charge	£6.23
	1 Mile	£4.64		1 Mile	£4.76	1 Mile	£5.00	1 Mile	£6.23
	2 Miles	£6.80		2 Miles	£6.92	2 Miles	£7.52	2 Miles	£9.11
	3.5 Miles	£10.04		3.5 Miles	£10.16	3.5 Miles	£11.48	3.5 Miles	£12.71
5% Increase	Tariff 1			Tariff 2		Tariff 3		Tariff 4	
	Initial Charge	£3.23		Initial Charge	£3.35	Initial Charge	£3.59	Initial Charge	£6.29
	1 Mile	£4.71		1 Mile	£4.83	1 Mile	£5.07	1 Mile	£6.29
	2 Miles	£6.93		2 Miles	£7.05	2 Miles	£7.66	2 Miles	£9.25
	3.5 Miles	£10.26		3.5 Miles	£10.38	3.5 Miles	£11.73	3.5 Miles	£12.95
6% Increase	Tariff 1			Tariff 2		Tariff 3		Tariff 4	
	Initial Charge	£3.26		Initial Charge	£3.38	Initial Charge	£3.63	Initial Charge	£6.35
	1 Mile	£4.74		1 Mile	£4.86	1 Mile	£5.11	1 Mile	£6.35
	2 Miles	£6.96		2 Miles	£7.08	2 Miles	£7.70	2 Miles	£9.31
	3.5 Miles	£10.29		3.5 Miles	£10.41	3.5 Miles	£11.77	3.5 Miles	£13.01
7% Increase	Tariff 1			Tariff 2		Tariff 3		Tariff 4	
	Initial Charge	£3.30		Initial Charge	£3.41	Initial Charge	£3.66	Initial Charge	£6.41
	1 Mile	£4.78		1 Mile	£4.89	1 Mile	£5.14	1 Mile	£6.41
	2 Miles	£7.00		2 Miles	£7.11	2 Miles	£7.73	2 Miles	£9.37
	3.5 Miles	£10.33		3.5 Miles	£10.44	3.5 Miles	£11.80	3.5 Miles	£13.07
8% Increase	Tariff 1			Tariff 2		Tariff 3		Tariff 4	
	Initial Charge	£3.33		Initial Charge	£3.45	Initial Charge	£3.69	Initial Charge	£6.47
	1 Mile	£4.85		1 Mile	£4.97	1 Mile	£5.21	1 Mile	£6.47
	2 Miles	£7.13		2 Miles	£7.25	2 Miles	£7.87	2 Miles	£9.51
	3.5 Miles	£10.55		3.5 Miles	£10.67	3.5 Miles	£12.05	3.5 Miles	£13.31
9% Increase	Tariff 1			Tariff 2		Tariff 3		Tariff 4	
	Initial Charge	£3.36		Initial Charge	£3.48	Initial Charge	£3.73	Initial Charge	£6.53
	1 Mile	£4.88		1 Mile	£5.00	1 Mile	£5.25	1 Mile	£6.53
	2 Miles	£7.16		2 Miles	£7.28	2 Miles	£7.91	2 Miles	£9.57
	3.5 Miles	£10.58		3.5 Miles	£10.70	3.5 Miles	£12.09	3.5 Miles	£13.37
10% Increase	Tariff 1			Tariff 2		Tariff 3		Tariff 4	
	Initial Charge	£3.39		Initial Charge	£3.51	Initial Charge	£3.76	Initial Charge	£6.59
	1 Mile	£4.95		1 Mile	£5.07	1 Mile	£5.32	1 Mile	£6.59
	2 Miles	£7.29		2 Miles	£7.41	2 Miles	£8.05	2 Miles	£9.71
	3.5 Miles	£10.80		3.5 Miles	£10.92	3.5 Miles	£12.34	3.5 Miles	£13.61
11% Increase	Tariff 1			Tariff 2		Tariff 3		Tariff 4	
	Initial Charge	£3.42		Initial Charge	£3.54	Initial Charge	£3.80	Initial Charge	£6.65
	1 Mile	£4.98		1 Mile	£5.10	1 Mile	£5.36	1 Mile	£6.65
	2 Miles	£7.32		2 Miles	£7.44	2 Miles	£8.09	2 Miles	£9.77
	3.5 Miles	£10.83		3.5 Miles	£10.95	3.5 Miles	£12.38	3.5 Miles	£13.67
12% Increase	Tariff 1			Tariff 2		Tariff 3		Tariff 4	
	Initial Charge	£3.45		Initial Charge	£3.57	Initial Charge	£3.83	Initial Charge	£6.71
	1 Mile	£5.01		1 Mile	£5.13	1 Mile	£5.39	1 Mile	£6.71
	2 Miles	£7.35		2 Miles	£7.47	2 Miles	£8.12	2 Miles	£9.83
	3.5 Miles	£10.86		3.5 Miles	£10.98	3.5 Miles	£12.41	3.5 Miles	£13.73