

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 SEPTEMBER 2024

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Wednesday 11 September 2024 at 3.00pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Armstrong, Brennan, Cassidy, Crowther, Curley, Quinn and Reynolds

Chair: Councillor Curley presided.

In attendance:

David Keenan	Solicitor (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Fiona Denver	Senior Paralegal Officer
Kenny Lang	Service Manager, Grounds, Fleet & Waste Services, Environmental Services
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Brennan, Crowther, Quinn and Reynolds attending remotely.

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

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Moran and Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

409 Taxi Fares Review 2024/25 409

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services requesting the Board to consider the annual review of the taxi fare scales following the statutory consultation with all Taxi Operators, including the Operators Liaison Group and other members of the trade.

The Board heard Mr Henry Glasgow representing Inverclyde Taxis Ltd and Mr Lang representing the Head of Service, Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection.

Mr Keenan confirmed that the response received from the Head of Service, Regeneration, Planning & Public Protection, as referred to at paragraph 5.1 of the report, had been distributed to members of the Board prior to the meeting. Mr Keenan further advised that a representation received on the day of the meeting from a Taxi Operator had also been distributed to members of the Board prior to the meeting.

Members then retired to consider the matter before returning to public session.

Whilst in private session a typographical error was noticed in the report at paragraph 3.6 and accordingly the reference to the Scottish Government's Taxi and Private Hire Cars Licensing Best Practice was noted as being issued in November 2023 and not April 2012.

Decided:

1) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to publicly advertise the fare scales tariff as determined by the Board, with (a) an increase of 7% on the flag fall on all four tariffs, (b) a further increase of 7% on the running mile, and (c) that these increases not be in 10 pence increments; and

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2) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services to submit a further report to the Board on the outcome once the statutory period for representations has lapsed.