
Report To:	GENERAL PUPOSES BOARD	Date:	12 October 2011
Report By:	HEAD OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES	Report No:	LA/757/11
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Subject:	Taxi Fares Review 2011		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Board to determine the taxi fare scales and charges following the annual review.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 10 August 2011, the Board considered the results of the informal consultations carried out as to what changes, if any, were required in the existing taxi fare scales. The Board adopted a preliminary view and this report advises of the results of the statutory consultation exercise.

2.0 RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS

- 2.1 At its meeting in August, the Board, following consideration, decided to adopt the scale of taxi fares and other charges set out in the tariff card forming Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 Members are asked to note that the costings for the first and 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 fare scales and charges were duly advertised and objections and representations were to be received within the statutory period of one month following the date of the advertisement.
- 2.5 Subject to any appeal against the decision by the Council as licensing authority, it is proposed that arrangements be made for the fare scales to take effect from Sunday 13 November and be completed the following Sunday 20 November 2011.
- 2.6 The change in the taxi meters would be carried out by the normal complement of 3 Council staff and with the assistance of a representative of the electronic meter company.

APPENDIX 1

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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NOTE OF TARIFF

TARIFF 1	Hirings from ranks or 'flag' hirings begun between 6am and 11pm	
	Initial charge (1,004 yards or part thereof)	£2.20
	Subsequent charge (each additional 125 yards or part thereof)	10p
	Approximate cost for first mile	£2.90
	Approximate cost for each additional mile	£1.40
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 (974 yards or part thereof)	£2.30
	Subsequent charge (each additional 122 yards or part thereof)	10p
	Approximate cost for first mile	£3.00
	Approximate cost for each additional mile	£1.40
TARIFF 3	Pre-booked hirings begun between 11pm and 6am and hirings from ranks or 'flag' hirings on 26 December, 2 January 23 April (Spring holiday), 7 May (May Day), 30 June (Fair Saturday) and 3 September (Autumn holiday)	
	Initial charge (974 yards or part thereof)	£2.50
	Subsequent charge (each additional 108 yards or part thereof)	10p
	Approximate cost for first mile	£3.30
	Approximate cost for each additional mile	£1.60
TARIFF 4	Pre-booked hirings and hirings from ranks or 'flag' hirings on 25 December and 1 January.	
	Initial charge (first mile or part thereof)	£5.00
	Subsequent charge (each additional 108 yards or part thereof)	10p
	Approximate cost for first mile	£5.00
	Approximate cost for each additional mile	£1.60
EXTRAS	£1 per passenger after first four passengers	
WAITING TIME	For each period of 31 seconds or part thereof	20p
SOILING CHARGE	Charge dependent on severity up to a maximum of	£50.00
VAT	The foregoing charges are inclusive of Value Added Tax	

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