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Report no	HLC/046/21

THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

Committee: THE HIGHLAND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: 7 September 2021

Report title: Review of taxi tariff 2020/2021

Report by: The Principal Solicitor – Regulatory Services

1. Purpose/Executive summary

- 1.1** This report provides the Committee with details of the responses received following public advertisement of the proposed revised scale of the maximum fares that can be charged by taxis and private hire cars fitted with taxi meters.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1** This Committee are invited to:
- (i) note the lack of representations received following the publication of the proposal that the current scale of maximum fares and additional charges remain the same.
 - (ii) consider the information contained in the report and any further submissions made to the Committee by taxi operators attending the meeting and then agree a draft tariff for public consultation.
 - (iii) agree that any revised tariff will take effect from 28 September 2021, subject to any appeal being lodged as per 8.1 of the report.

3. Background

- 3.1** At the meeting of the Highland Licensing Committee held on 22 June 2021, Members undertook a review of the current scale of maximum fares and charges for taxis and private hire cars fitted with taxi meters. The Committee agreed a draft tariff to go out for public consultation with no changes to the existing tariffs or additional charges. A copy of the current tariff is attached as **Appendix 1** of the report.
- 3.2** In accordance with the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the proposed scale was published by Council press release and in the Press and Journal (Highland edition) on 25 June 2021. Members of the public were invited to submit their comments on the proposals by 27 July 2021.

4. Representations received

- 4.1** No representations have been received from the taxi trade or members of the public following the advert.

5. Additional Information

- 5.1** The following information, which was provided to the Committee at the previous meeting held on 22 June 2021, is again attached for Member's consideration:

Appendix 2- is the representations received from the trade following the first public consultation.

Appendix 3- is the effect of a proposed tariff put forward by Highland Cabs Ltd.

Appendix 4- contains the following information:

- (i) The Scottish Government's Taxi and Private Hire Car Licensing: Best Practice for Licensing Authorities;
- (ii) Consumer Price Index (CPIH) figures relating to the cost of running and maintenance of vehicles;
- (iii) AA fuel report;
- (iv) Average weekly earnings;
- (v) Percentage increases across all tariffs; and
- (vi) any other factors raised by the trade during the meeting.

6 Implications

- 6.1** The costs to the Council associated with the review of the taxi tariff in terms of outlays will be advertising costs only together with the staff time costs associated with the process, from pre-review consultations with the trade to conclusion. The Traffic Commissioner's costs in determining any appeal following adoption of a final tariff will also be borne by the Council, irrespective of the outcome of any such appeal.
- 6.2** The fee charged by the Trading Standards Service in relation to the checking and sealing of taxi meters requires to be met by operators. The cost for this, (excluding any new chip required from the meter manufacturer) is currently £68.

7.0 Implementation

- 7.1** The next step in this process will be for the Committee to consider all other information before it and any further submissions which any taxi operator attending the meeting may make to the Committee at the meeting and thereafter agree a final tariff. In accordance with the 1982 Act, a letter will be sent to all taxi operators advising them of the outcome and of their right of appeal to the Traffic Commissioner within 14 days of notice being given to them of the Committee's decision. If no appeal is lodged an advert will be inserted in a local paper informing the public of the new tariff and its commencement date.
- 7.2** Should an appeal be submitted to the Traffic Commissioner this will have the effect of suspending the decision of the Council and the tariff will effectively be on hold, with the original tariff remaining in operation meantime.

8.0 Implementation date

- 8.1** It is suggested that the implementation date be 28 September 2021. This is to ensure that the advert which requires to be placed in the press (at least 7 days prior to the tariff coming into effect) can be done following confirmation of no appeal (if this is the case). If there are amendments to any of the tariffs it will also afford the taxi operators time in which to arrange for their meters to be recalibrated, if required. It will also give Trading Standards officers time to mark out and set up revised test tracks in the various areas of the Council and it will also ensure that there are sufficient Trading Standards officers available to carry out the meter testing as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Date: 11 August 2021

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Background Papers: Appendix 1 – Copy of current tariff
Appendix 2 – Representation from the trade
Appendix 3 – Effect of proposed tariff
Appendix 4 – Additional Information

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REVIEW OF TAXI FARES

In accordance with the requirements of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Highland Council has reviewed the maximum level of charges for the hire of Taxis or Private Hire Cars fitted with Taxi Meters.

With effect from 30 April 2020, the maximum fares will be as follows:-

Tariff 1: Applies to vehicles carrying up to 4 passengers, except when a higher tariff applies.

- For the first 785 yards or part; or £3.00
The initial period of waiting time of 119 seconds; or
A combination of time and distance as above
- For each additional 98 yards or part; or .10p
Each additional period of waiting time of 14 seconds; or
A combination of additional time and distance as above

General effect – the price of a hire £4.00 for the first mile plus £1.80 per mile thereafter plus extras*

Tariff 2: Applies to vehicles carrying up to 4 passengers on Good Friday, Easter Monday or May Day and, except when a higher tariff applies, between **9.00pm and 7.00am on any day** and all day on Saturday and Sunday. When 5 or more passengers are being carried, it also applies **at any time** of any day or night, except where a higher tariff applies.

- For the first 560 yards or part; or £ 3.30
The initial period of waiting time of 119 seconds; or
A combination of time and distance as above
- For each additional 78 yards or part; or .10p
Each additional period of waiting time of 14 seconds; or
A combination of additional time and distance as above

General effect – the price of a hire £4.90 for the first mile plus £2.30 per mile thereafter plus extras*

Tariff 3: Applies between 6am and midnight on both Boxing Day and 2nd January. When 5 or more passengers are being carried, and except where Tariff 5 applies, it also applies between **9.00pm and 7.00am**, all day on Saturday and Sunday and on Good Friday, Easter Monday and May Day.

- For the first 444 yards or part £ 3.90
The initial period of waiting time of 119 seconds; or
A combination of time and distance as above
- For each additional 65 yards or part .10p
Each additional period of waiting time of 14 seconds; or
A combination of additional time and distance as above

General effect – the price of a hire £6.00 for the first mile plus £2.70 per mile thereafter plus extras*

Tariff 4: Applies to vehicles carrying up to 4 passengers at any time between 6.00pm on Christmas Eve and 6.00am on Boxing Day and between 6.00pm on New Year's Eve and 6.00am on 2 January.

- For the first 444 yards or part; or £3.90
The initial period of waiting time of 119 seconds; or
A combination of time and distance as above
- For each additional 49 yards or part, or .10p
Each additional period of waiting time of 14 seconds; or
A combination of additional time and distance as above

General effect – the price of a hire: £6.60 for the first mile plus £3.60 per mile thereafter plus extras*

Tariff 5: Applies to vehicles carrying 5 or more passengers at any time between 6.00pm on Christmas Eve and 6.00am on Boxing Day and between 6.00pm on New Year's Eve and 6.00am on 2 January.

- For the first 444 yards or part; or £3.90
The initial period of waiting time of 119 seconds; or
A combination of time and distance as above
- For each additional 39 yards or part, or .10p
Each additional period of waiting time of 14 seconds; or
A combination of additional time and distance as above

General effect – the price of a hire: £7.30 for the first mile plus £4.50 per mile thereafter plus extras*

***Extra Charges**

- Booking ahead e.g. by telephone £1.00
- Any bridge tolls or ferry charges, where applicable.
- Any airport car parking charges (Only chargeable on production of a receipt to the hirer)

In addition, a supplementary booking charge may be applied to compensate for the cost of the outward journey for hires which commence 3 miles or more away from the taxi or taxi base (whichever is the nearer). The maximum charge shall be the actual cost at the tariff which applies at the time of travelling between the starting location of the taxi or the location of the taxi base (as the case may be) and the pick-up point or drop-off point, whichever is the closer to the taxi or taxi base. This booking charge is in addition to the fare chargeable at the appropriate tariff for the journey from the pick-up point to the drop-off point. This charge may only be demanded if the customer is informed of the amount of the charge at the time of booking.

When a taxi (or a private hire car fitted with a taxi meter) is called but not used, a charge shall be allowed as if it had been occupied from the time it left the stance or garage.

Soiling Charge – maximum of £120.00 payable by an offending passenger, where a vehicle requires to be removed from service for cleaning in order for it to be restored to a usable state and condition.

<p>Samuel Lund</p>	<p>Addressing the Highland Licensing Committee</p> <p>I thank you for your letter, and I thank you for inviting my opinion.</p> <p>As far as I recall, it's been a couple of years since our tariffs changed. When they did, it was definitely for the better, and was a great benefit to all parties within the trade. If memory serves, we did have a discussion similar to this a year or so ago, where the final decision was to leave the tariff as they were. I was glad at this, and so were various of my colleagues. My opinion is; that it is probably time to put the tariff up again, matching inflation somewhat. Weather you do or don't, wouldn't bother me greatly either way.</p> <p>I will insist however, if you indeed DO decide to alter the Tariffs once again, please make sure they're increasing by a substantial amount. it would be incredibly depressing to pay the various fees for the change, only to see an increase so insignificant, that it will never pay itself back.</p> <p>It is tradition for me to always remain neutral, and to never voice my opinion in matters like these. So, when I send this email, it is only because I have Genuine Pride in being a Taxi Driver, and Care so Deeply for the trade.</p>	<p>Commented [RB1]: In favour of an increase in the tariff</p>
<p>Alexander MacGillivray</p>	<p>Having considered The Highland Council Taxi fare scales review 2021 and the still, uncertain future. I would suggest NO INCREASE at this time. By April 2022, everyone will have a more realistic overview as to how the area is progressing. Which would allow for a more balanced and realistic indication if a Tariffs change would still be practical or not.</p>	<p>Commented [RB2]: No increase</p>
<p>Paul Reid</p> <p>Highland Cabs Ltd 52 Princes Street Thurso, Caithness Highland KW14 7AE</p>	<p>Highland Cabs recommendation for the taxi tariffs as follows....</p> <p>Tariff 1: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun, between 7am to 10pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £3.50 For the first 785 yards or part; or the initial period of waiting time of 119 seconds; or a combination of time and distance as stated. £0.10 For each additional 98 yards or part; or each additional period of waiting time of 14 seconds; or a combination of additional time and distance as stated. <p>Tariff 2: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun between 10pm to 7am (Good Friday, Easter Monday or May Day and, except when a higher tariff applies, between 10:00pm and 7:00am on any day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £3.50 For the first 560 yards or part; The initial period of waiting time of 119 seconds; or a combination of time and distance as stated. £0.10 For each additional 78 yards or part; Each additional period of waiting time of 14 seconds; or a combination of additional time and distance as stated. <p>Tariff 3: December 24th from 12:00am to December 26th 11:59pm & December 31st from 12:00am to January 2nd 11:59pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £3.90 For the first 444 yards or part; The initial period of waiting time of 119 seconds; or combination of time and distance as stated. 	<p>Commented [RB3]: Increase</p> <p>Commented [RB4]: Remains the same</p> <p>Commented [RB5]: Change in proposed time, tariff should apply from 9am to 10am</p> <p>Commented [RB6]: Increase from 3.30-30.50</p> <p>Commented [RB7]: Remains the same</p> <p>Commented [RB8]: Amendment to when the tariff should apply from-to include December 24th and December 31st rather than Boxing Day and 2nd January. The time which is applies has also changed from 6am to 12am to 12am-11:59 on Dec 24, 26, 31 and 2nd January.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £0.10 For each additional 65 yards or part; Each additional period of waiting time of 14 seconds; or a combination of additional time and distance as above. <p>Tariff 4 and 5 should be scrapped.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and I hope these new recommendations are suitable for consideration.</p>
<p>Connor Morrison Taxi 24/7 Ltd Nairn T: (01667) 459595 M: 07784 535498</p>	<p>I do not believe the current tariffs within the highland region need to change.</p>
<p>Susan McIntosh</p>	<p>Following on from a really difficult year for everyone due to extended lockdowns, I feel that the tariff should stay the same, I know this would be the second year without an increase but not only are passengers struggling but drivers and owners are as well. Yes we finally got a grant to help us out but by the time we have paid for Insurance, car tax, mot's we would be struggling to pay for having the meters re configured as well.</p>
<p>Konrad Northern Sights Taxi & Private Hire</p>	<p>To whom it concerns.</p> <p>The Highland Council is currently ranked in the bottom 20% of all uk regional authorities primarily due to crass ineptitude</p> <p>The skill sets required are lacking in all disciplines primarily due to staffing from out with the Highlands and lacking in any and all knowledge associated with this environment.</p> <p>Outsiders embed within the local council for an easy career move and deliver nothing positive OK YA.</p> <p>These donkeys on the previous tariff adjustment decided to increase this by 28.55% when inflation was below 3% forced upon the Taxi & P/H industry Simply to raise 500 + times £68.00 to the Highland Council coffers.</p> <p>Have those in the Highland Council failed to notice the viral attack resulting in lockdown Business closures, job losses, lack & loss of income for many Reduction of income an future prospects and you want to raise more money.</p> <p>My advice to the donkey asylum that is the Highland Council think again defer it to 2022/2023.</p> <p>Clais-na-Buaile Lairg Sutherland IV27 4EH 01549 402399</p>
<p>Stuart McIntosh Triple S Taxi</p>	<p>We feel that in the current climate that tariffs should stay at current levels. Yes this would be the second year without any increase but as an individual owner driver we would struggle with very little income in the last year to have to pay for meter changes etc.</p>

Commented [RB9]: Changes to Tariff 4 and 5 being scraped altogether

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<p>Ken Finnerty TCD-13-121 Sharon Finnerty TCD-13-93 Liam Finnerty PHCD-13-31</p>	<p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>We write to object to the proposed taxi tariff review.</p> <p>In our opinions, now is most definitely not the right time to start reviewing taxi fares, whilst the country is in the middle of a global pandemic. The past year has been difficult enough for us individually, as a business, and on the whole as a trade, with very little Covid funding available for taxi drivers times have been incredibly difficult financially for many of us. The £1500 discretionary fund payment was only enough to cover vehicle and personal licences and vehicle tests, but by no means any compensation for loss of earnings that other business and trades have been eligible for! We feel that an increase in tariffs would insult to injury!!</p> <p>Footfall had fallen prior to lockdown and it was hard enough to make ends meet. We as a company have seen our weekly jobs fall from over 1000 a week to between 250 and 300 per week over the past year, so we feel that another increase in tariffs would see a further fall in trade.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>
<p>George Fox Taxi operator/Driver IV20</p>	<p>In the current economic situation I would suggest postponing any taxi tariff review for 6 to 12 months to give the economy time to recover.</p>
<p>Ali Dunnett</p>	<p>Tariffs should be frozen taking into account COVID has ravaged all types of business we need to build up the trade not to lose more customers due to increases plus any increase would hit drivers with more fees at a time when we are all struggling</p>
<p>Don Chisholm 11 696</p>	<p>In view of the fact that the taxi industry (possibly worldwide) has been decimated by Covid 19, furloughs, working from home, shop, bar, restaurant and school closures, I think any increase at this point would only cause more damage and delay recovery to our (very) badly hit industry.</p> <p>There are no perfect times to increase taxi fares, but this is one of the worst possible times in history. As this will come up for consideration in a further 18 months time, we should leave fares as they are for the time being, allowing the maximum possible recovery.</p>
<p>David Coutts.</p>	<p>I believe the tariffs are high enough currently and an increase would be detrimental to the trade and taxi patrons alike. Therefore I advocate a freeze of taxi tariffs at the coming review.</p>
<p>Brian MacCallum</p> <p>Taxi number 11 007</p>	<p>I wish it to be noted that I would not like to see any changes made to the current taxi tariffs.</p>
<p>Douglas Lyall taxi in 67</p>	<p>As a taxi driver / operator since 1984 I hereby state I believe the current taxi tariff should remain the same with no increases across the board and reviewed in 18 months time .</p> <p>We have witnessed a terrible pandemic and we in the taxi trade have seen a huge decline in trade .So it would be great to get the public back on board and what better way than to forgo any tariff increases.</p> <p>Thank you</p>

Commented [RB14]: No increase to tariff

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Appendix 5

Tariff 1 (applies to vehicles carrying 4 passengers, except when a higher tariff applies)

Current Scale

Flagfall (first 785 yards)	£3.00
Mileage	£1.80
Examples	
1 mile journey	£4.00
2 mile journey	£5.80
3 mile journey	£7.60
4 mile journey	£9.40
5 mile journey	£11.20
6 mile journey	£13.00
7 mile journey	£14.80
8 mile journey	£16.60
9 mile journey	£18.40
10 mile journey	£20.20

Proposed Increase

Flagfall (first 785 yards)	£3.50
Mileage	£1.80
Examples	
1 mile journey	£4.50
2 mile journey	£6.30
3 mile journey	£8.10
4 mile journey	£9.90
5 mile journey	£11.70
6 mile journey	£13.50
7 mile journey	£15.30
8 mile journey	£17.10
9 mile journey	£18.90
10 mile journey	£20.70

Tariff 2 (applies to vehicles carrying up to 4 passengers on Good Friday, Easter Monday or May Day and, except when a higher tariff applies, between 9:00pm and 7:00am on any day and all day on Saturday and Sunday. When 5 or more passengers are being carried it also applies at any time of any day or night, except where a higher tariff applies.

Current Scale

Flagfall (first 560 yards)	£3.30
Mileage	£2.30
Examples	
1 mile journey	£4.90
2 mile journey	£7.20
3 mile journey	£9.50
4 mile journey	£11.80
5 mile journey	£14.10
6 mile journey	£16.40
7 mile journey	£18.70
8 mile journey	£21.00
9 mile journey	£23.30
10 mile journey	£25.60

Proposed Increase

Flagfall (first 560 yards)	£3.50
Mileage	£2.30
Examples	
1 mile journey	£5.10
2 mile journey	£7.40
3 mile journey	£9.70
4 mile journey	£12.00
5 mile journey	£14.30
6 mile journey	£16.60
7 mile journey	£18.90
8 mile journey	£21.20
9 mile journey	£21.50
10 mile journey	£25.80

The Highland Council

Taxi fare scales review 2021

In terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, the Council as Licensing Authority is required to review the maximum fares that taxis operating within The Highland Council may charge and to set scales. The 1982 Act requires that this should be within 18 months beginning with the date on which the scales came into effect.

The fares approved by the Council are maximum fares which may be charged. Taxi operators are able to discount these rates if they wish. Whilst it is obligatory to review fare levels periodically, there is no obligation to alter the existing fares.

The Scottish Government's Taxi and Private Hire Car Licensing: Best Practice for Licensing Authorities issued in April 2012 states that authorities are advised as best practice to pay regard to advice contained in paragraphs 2.34-2.37 of Scottish Department Circular 25/1986. This states that:

“in fixing fares, authorities will want to pay primary regard to the costs incurred by the trade, having regard to the capital costs (including interest payments) of the vehicles, the costs of maintaining and replacing them to a standard of the licensing authority, of employing drivers and the prevalent level of wages and costs in related road transport industries. The public interest is best served by ensuring the maintenance of an adequate taxi service by giving the trade a fair return rather than depressing fares for social reasons, however understandable.”

Current scales – with effect from 30 April 2020

Tariff 1 (applies to vehicles carrying 4 passengers, except when a higher tariff applies)

Flagfall (first 785 yards)	£3.00
Mileage	£1.80
Examples:	
1 mile journey	£4.00
2 mile journey	£5.80
3 mile journey	£7.60
4 mile journey	£9.40
5 mile journey	£11.20
6 mile journey	£13.00
7 mile journey	£14.80
8 mile journey	£16.60
9 mile journey	£18.40
10 mile journey	£20.20

Tariff 2 (applies to vehicles carrying up to 4 passengers on Good Friday, Easter Monday or May Day and, except when a higher tariff applies, between 9.00 pm and 7.00 am on any day and all day on Saturday and Sunday. When 5 or more passengers are being carried, it also applies at any time of any day or night, except where a higher tariff applies.)

Flagfall (first 560 yards)	£3.30
Mileage	£2.30
Examples:	
1 mile journey	£4.90
2 mile journey	£7.20
3 mile journey	£9.50
4 mile journey	£11.80
5 mile journey	£14.10
6 mile journey	£16.40
7 mile journey	£18.70
8 mile journey	£21.00
9 mile journey	£23.30
10 mile journey	£25.60

Tariff 3 (applies between 6.00 am and midnight on both Boxing Day and 2nd January. When 5 or more passengers are being carried, and except where Tariff 5 applies, it also applies between 9.00 pm and 7.00 am, all day on Saturday and Sunday and on Good Friday, Easter Monday and May Day.)

Flagfall (first 444 yards)	£3.90
Mileage	£2.70
Examples:	
1 mile journey	£6.00
2 mile journey	£8.70
3 mile journey	£11.40
4 mile journey	£14.10
5 mile journey	£16.80
6 mile journey	£19.50
7 mile journey	£22.20
8 mile journey	£24.90
9 mile journey	£27.60
10 mile journey	£30.30

Tariff 4 (applies to vehicles carrying up to 4 passengers at any time between 6.00 pm on Christmas Eve and 6.00 am on Boxing Day and between 6.00 pm on New Year's Eve and 6.00 am on 2 January.)

Flagfall (first 444 yards)	£3.90
Mileage	£3.60
Examples:	
1 mile journey	£6.60
2 mile journey	£10.20
3 mile journey	£13.80
4 mile journey	£17.40
5 mile journey	£21.00
6 mile journey	£24.60
7 mile journey	£28.20
8 mile journey	£31.80
9 mile journey	£35.40
10 mile journey	£39.00

Tariff 5 (applies to vehicles carrying 5 or more passengers at any time between 6.00 pm on Christmas Eve and 6.00 am on Boxing Day and between 6.00 pm on New Year's Eve and 6.00 am on 2 January.)

Flagfall (first 444 yards)	£3.90
Mileage	£4.50
Examples:	
1 mile journey	£7.30
2 mile journey	£11.80
3 mile journey	£16.30
4 mile journey	£20.80
5 mile journey	£25.30
6 mile journey	£29.80
7 mile journey	£34.30
8 mile journey	£38.80
9 mile journey	£43.30
10 mile journey	£47.80

Extra charges:

Booking ahead i.e. by telephone	£1.00
Soiling charge	£120.00 maximum
Any bridge tolls or ferry charges, where applicable	Actual cost
Any airport car parking charges	Actual cost (only chargeable on production of a receipt to the hirer)
Supplementary booking charge for outward journey which commence 3 miles or more away from the taxi or taxi base (whichever is the nearer)	Actual cost at the tariff which applies at the time of travelling between the starting location of the taxi or the location of the taxi base (as the case may be) and the pick up point or drop off point, whichever is the closer to the taxi or taxi base. (This charge may only be demanded if the customer is informed of the amount of the charge at the time of the booking.)
Called but not used	Charge will be the amount as if it had been occupied from the time it left the stance or garage.

Considerations for fixing a taxi tariff

In light of the above guidance, we have provided figures supplied by the Government's Office of National Statistics (ONS). The main index is the Consumer Price Index which is a measure of consumer price inflation produced to international standards.

The main index is the CPI (all items). However, we have also included other statistics which may be relevant to the taxi tariff fare review, namely 'purchase of vehicles, 'maintenance and repairs', 'petrol' and 'diesel'.

The ONS publishes regular updates on these statistics. To allow comparison between relevant times, the ONS gives figures as indices, meaning that the figures are stated relative to a stated base year or month. The base year or month always has a value of 100 so other times have values which are greater or less than 100 to show how they compare i.e. the implementation of the current taxi scale (April 2020) to the most recent figures (February 2021) which were released on 24 March 2021. The next publication date for updated figures is due on 21 April 2021.

Comparative figures have also been provided for fuel between April 2020 and January 2021 (most recent figures) based on the AA fuel reports.

Figures for changes in weekly earnings have also been obtained from the ONS and figures provided for the changes to the National Minimum Wage.

****It is open to anyone participating in the review process to suggest that the Licensing Committee should consider other factors****

Inflation figures (Consumer Price Index)

	Index name	Start	End	Change
1	ALL ITEMS	108.6	109.4	0.7%
	CPI Index 00 (2015=100)			
	Series: L522			
2	PURCHASE OF VEHICLES (all)	107.2	110	2.6%
	CPIH Index 07.1			
	Series: L543			
	PURCHASE OF NEW CARS	114.4	118.2	3.3%
	CPIH Index 07.1.1A			
	Series: L544			
	PURCHASE OF SECOND HAND CARS	96.3	97.2	0.9%
	CPIH Index 07.1.1B			
	Series: L545			
3	MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	113.3	113.6	0.3%
	CPI Index 07.2.3			
	Series: D7ED			
4	PETROL	98.3	108.3	10.2%
	CPI Index 97.2.2.2			
	Series ID: L7FP			
5	DIESEL	100.9	108.4	7.4%
	CPI Index 07.2.2.21			
	Series ID: L7FO			

Source – Office for National Statistics (www.ons.gov.uk)

Indicators are published monthly

START – April 2020

END – February 2021

AA fuel report

February 2021

	Unleaded (litres)	Diesel (litres)	Super Unleaded (litres)	LPG (litres)
Scotland	120.1	124.2	134.2	-
UK average	121.5	124.8	135.5	65.3
Supermarket average	117.7	120.4	125.9	56.8

April 2020

	Unleaded (litres)	Diesel (litres)	Super Unleaded (litres)	LPG (litres)
Scotland	108.6	114.9	121.6	-
UK average	110.4	115.6	125.9	54.9
Supermarket average	104.8	110.8	112.3	-

Percentage change between two periods:

	Unleaded (litres)	Diesel (litres)	Super Unleaded (litres)	LPG (litres)
Scotland	10.6%	8%	10.4%	n/a
UK average	10%	8%	7.6%	19%
Supermarket average	12.3%	8.7%	12.1%	n/a

Earnings

Average Weekly Earnings (AWE) – change in average earnings

January 2021 (latest figure)	4.0%
April 2020	1.3%
Change	2.7%

National Minimum Wage:

	25+	21-24	18-20	Under 18	Apprentice
April 2021	£8.91	£8.36	£6.56	£4.62	£4.30
April 2020	£8.72	£8.20	£6.45	£4.55	£4.15
Change	2.1%	2%	1.7%	1.5%	3.7%

Based on the information above, we have produced how the fares would change for different percentages across all tariffs compared with the current scale:

please note that the figures shown would be required to be rounded up/down to the nearest 10 pence to accord with the taxi meters

Tariff 1

	Current	0.5%	1%	1.5%	2%	2.5%	3%
Flagfall	£3.00	£3.02	£3.03	£3.05	£3.06	£3.08	£3.09
Mileage	£1.80	£1.81	£1.82	£1.83	£1.84	£1.85	£1.85
1 mile	£4.00	£4.02	£4.04	£4.06	£4.08	£4.10	£4.12
2 miles	£5.80	£5.83	£5.86	£5.89	£5.92	£5.95	£5.97
3 miles	£7.60	£7.64	£7.68	£7.71	£7.75	£7.79	£7.83
4 miles	£9.40	£9.45	£9.49	£9.54	£9.59	£9.64	£9.68
5 miles	£11.20	£11.26	£11.31	£11.37	£11.42	£11.48	£11.54
6 miles	£13.00	£13.07	£13.13	£13.20	£13.26	£13.33	£13.39
7 miles	£14.80	£14.87	£14.95	£15.02	£15.10	£15.17	£15.24
8 miles	£16.60	£16.68	£16.77	£16.85	£16.93	£17.02	£17.10
9 miles	£18.40	£18.49	£18.58	£18.68	£18.77	£18.86	£18.95
10 miles	£20.20	£20.30	£20.40	£20.50	£20.60	£20.71	£20.81

Tariff 2

	Current	0.5%	1%	1.5%	2%	2.5%	3%
Flagfall	£3.30	£3.32	£3.33	£3.35	£3.37	£3.38	£3.40
Mileage	£2.30	£2.31	£2.32	£2.33	£2.35	£2.36	£2.37
1 mile	£4.90	£4.92	£4.95	£4.97	£5.00	£5.02	£5.05
2 miles	£7.20	£7.24	£7.27	£7.31	£7.34	£7.38	£7.42
3 miles	£9.50	£9.55	£9.60	£9.64	£9.69	£9.74	£9.79
4 miles	£11.80	£11.86	£11.92	£11.98	£12.04	£12.10	£12.15
5 miles	£14.10	£14.17	£14.24	£14.31	£14.38	£14.45	£14.52
6 miles	£16.40	£16.48	£16.56	£16.65	£16.73	£16.81	£16.89
7 miles	£18.70	£18.79	£18.89	£18.98	£19.07	£19.17	£19.26
8 miles	£21.00	£21.11	£21.21	£21.32	£21.42	£21.53	£21.63
9 miles	£23.30	£23.42	£23.53	£23.65	£23.77	£23.88	£24.00
10 miles	£25.60	£25.73	£25.86	£25.98	£26.11	£26.24	£26.37

Tariff 3

	Current	0.5%	1%	1.5%	2%	2.5%	3%
Flagfall	£3.90	£3.92	£3.94	£3.96	£3.98	£4.00	£4.02
Mileage	£2.70	£2.71	£2.73	£2.74	£2.75	£2.77	£2.78
1 mile	£6.00	£6.03	£6.06	£6.09	£6.12	£6.15	£6.18
2 miles	£8.70	£8.74	£8.79	£8.83	£8.87	£8.92	£8.96
3 miles	£11.40	£11.46	£11.51	£11.57	£11.63	£11.69	£11.74
4 miles	£14.10	£14.17	£14.24	£14.31	£14.38	£14.45	£14.52
5 miles	£16.80	£16.88	£16.97	£17.05	£17.14	£17.22	£17.30
6 miles	£19.50	£19.60	£19.70	£19.79	£19.89	£19.99	£20.09
7 miles	£22.20	£22.31	£22.42	£22.53	£22.64	£22.76	£22.87
8 miles	£24.90	£25.02	£25.15	£25.27	£25.40	£25.52	£25.65
9 miles	£27.60	£27.74	£27.88	£28.01	£28.15	£28.29	£28.43
10 miles	£30.30	£30.45	£30.60	£30.75	£30.91	£31.06	£31.21

Tariff 4

	Current	0.5%	1%	1.5%	2%	2.5%	3%
Flagfall	£3.90	£3.92	£3.94	£3.96	£3.98	£4.00	£4.02
Mileage	£3.60	£3.62	£3.64	£3.65	£3.67	£3.69	£3.71
1 mile	£6.60	£6.63	£6.67	£6.70	£6.73	£6.77	£6.80
2 miles	£10.20	£10.25	£10.30	£10.35	£10.40	£10.46	£10.51
3 miles	£13.80	£13.87	£13.94	£14.01	£14.08	£14.15	£14.21
4 miles	£17.40	£17.49	£17.57	£17.66	£17.75	£17.84	£17.92
5 miles	£21.00	£21.11	£21.21	£21.32	£21.42	£21.53	£21.63
6 miles	£24.60	£24.72	£24.85	£24.97	£25.09	£25.22	£25.34
7 miles	£28.20	£28.34	£28.48	£28.62	£28.76	£28.91	£29.05
8 miles	£31.80	£31.96	£32.12	£32.28	£32.44	£32.60	£32.75
9 miles	£35.40	£35.58	£35.75	£35.93	£36.11	£36.29	£36.46
10 miles	£39.00	£39.20	£39.39	£39.59	£39.78	£39.98	£40.17

Tariff 5

	Current	0.5%	1%	1.5%	2%	2.5%	3%
Flagfall	£3.90	£3.92	£3.94	£3.96	£3.98	£4.00	£4.02
Mileage	£4.50	£4.52	£4.55	£4.57	£4.59	£4.61	£4.64
1 mile	£7.30	£7.34	£7.37	£7.41	£7.45	£7.48	£7.52
2 miles	£11.80	£11.86	£11.92	£11.98	£12.04	£12.10	£12.15
3 miles	£16.30	£16.38	£16.46	£16.54	£16.63	£16.71	£16.79
4 miles	£20.80	£20.90	£21.01	£21.11	£21.22	£21.32	£21.42
5 miles	£25.30	£25.43	£25.55	£25.68	£25.81	£25.93	£26.06
6 miles	£29.80	£29.95	£30.10	£30.25	£30.40	£30.55	£30.69
7 miles	£34.30	£34.47	£34.64	£34.81	£34.99	£35.16	£35.33
8 miles	£38.80	£38.99	£39.19	£39.38	£39.58	£39.77	£39.96
9 miles	£43.40	£43.62	£43.83	£44.05	£44.27	£44.49	£44.70
10 miles	£47.80	£48.04	£48.28	£48.52	£48.76	£49.00	£49.23