

The Fellowship's Final Tariff Review Offer

23rd February 2020

Good morning Gary, After reviewing The Fellowships Tariff proposal with the committee and taking into account the other associations proposals, we are happy with what is set out in our tariff review proposal.

After reviewing the proposal sent in by the other associations, The proposals that we are 100% against and have had no justification for these and the % increase far out ways any inflation rate or cost value incurred. These proposals we are against *Any increase on flag drop, *Any increase on luggage/bags carried, *Any increase on call out charge.

Our findings and proposal for an increase are as follows.

Over the past 4 years inflation has risen by 9.6% so we will be looking for a minimum 8% increase on our tariff.

This would be done on the distance travelled for the nominated 20p per 225yds.

*Tariff 1 would be as follows, £2.60 for the initial 175 yards then. 20p for every 208 yards there of, additional period of waiting time would be 40 seconds or part there of or a combination of time and distance.

*Tariff 1 times Mon-Friday-06.00 to 18.00 for 2 passengers.

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*Tariff 2 Mon-Friday 18.00 to 22.00 then Saturday & Sunday 06.00 to 22.00 for 2 passengers.

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Tariff 4 would supersede any effect of Tariff 3 due to the price premium being of more benefit.

Due to the increase of inflation over the last 4 years we feel the trade cannot absorb any more subsidy and we require a small increase to help cover our growing costs of Vehicles, Fuel and Repairs.

With regards to Tariff 3 Amendments, we feel there is no incentive for drivers to work a Night-shift and we are seeing a drop in operators and drivers covering these hours,

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We need this additional incentive to reward drivers who would work through a night shift (Unsociable Hours), As the UK Government recognise and accepts a 15% shift allowance we would like this to reflect the hours of work between 22.00 to 06.00 nightly.

We hope all the above explains the reasoning for a tariff change within West Lothian.

We have attached the last 8 years Tariff from the UK Tariff table guide, This table indicates the cost for the first 2 miles, As you can see there has only been a 0.20p increase in this time and we feel this is not acceptable. Back in 2012 the trade was promised that the tariff would be represented in line with the additional cost the Taxi Trade would adopt as part of the licensing review, unfortunately this hasn't happened and as a reflection on this financial hardship is hitting a lot of the trade associates.

Many Thanks The Fellowship....

235	TEST VALLEY	£5.40	32
236	TRAFFORD	£5.40	32
237	WEST LOTHIAN	£5.40	32
238	WEST OXFORD	£5.40	33
239	WYCHAVON	£5.40	33

West Lothian Tariff 2015

213	TEST VALLEY	£5.40
214	WEST LOTHIAN	£5.40
215	WEST OXFORD	£5.40
216	WORCESTER	£5.40

West Lothian Tariff 2012

257	SUNDERLAND	£5.60	●
258	WEST LOTHIAN (X)	£5.60	●
259	WOLVERHAMPTON (X)	£5.60	●

West Lothian Tariff 2020

McMullan, Gary

From: WLAOTO Fellowship <w.l.a.o.t.o.fellowship@gmail.com>
Sent: 16 January 2020 13:19
To: McMullan, Gary
Subject: Re: West Lothian Council Taxi Fare Review 2020 - [OFFICIAL]

Good Morning Gary,

On receipt of your email we put the proposal to our 16 members and asked them to cast a single vote on this, answering Yes to a tariff increase or No to a tariff increase..... The response we received was a convincing Yes to a tariff increase. 16 voters, 4 abstained 3 Voted No and 9 Voted Yes for a tariff increase.

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Please get in touch with any queries or feedback from our proposal.

Many thanks Martin (Chair)

Edward (Secretary)

And all the member of The Fellowship.

On Mon, 2 Dec 2019, 10:15 McMullan, Gary, <Gary.McMullan@westlothian.gov.uk> wrote:

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Dear Sirs,

McMullan, Gary

From: TOA WestLothian <toawestlothian@gmail.com>
Sent: 19 February 2020 17:54
To: McMullan, Gary
Subject: Re: Taxi and Metered PHCs Fare Table Review 2020

Good Afternoon,

Sorry I haven't responded sooner but felt I needed to speak to committee members and association members to get their opinions the overall feeling is we cannot raise our fares any more then our proposal states. I think that as two associations are agreed on this proposal then there is no need for further discussion. Once again sorry for late reply.

Dougie Meechan WLTOA.

On Wed, 19 Feb 2020, 16:04 McMullan, Gary, <Gary.McMullan@westlothian.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear all,

TO ALL LOCAL HIRE CAR TRADE ORGANISATIONS

West Lothian Council Taxi Fare Review 2020

I refer to my email dated 2 December 2020 and subsequent emails regarding your organisation's wishes regarding the fare table for taxis in West Lothian.

As you will be aware it would appear that you have not been able to reach agreement regarding desired changes to the fare table.

As a result the matter will:

1. Have to be referred to a meeting of the Council Executive, as soon as possible, to make a decision regarding what changes to the fare table should be proposed;
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4. Thereafter time will be required to allow for a period of appeal, to produce new fare tables and to make any necessary changes to meters.

This all has to be achieved by 4 October 2020. The timescale is therefore challenging.

In relation to the first stage a formal report will have to be prepared by the Licensing Team very soon for the Council Executive. To enable this to be done and so that your organisation's position is clear to the Council Executive I would invite your organisation to submit a written document detailing your proposed changes to the fare table and the reasons for the proposed changes, please refer to my email dated 2 December 2020 for all the matters that you should consider including. Please also include any other considerations or reasons that you wish the Councillors' to consider when coming to a decision regarding the fare table to be proposed for public consultation.

Given the tight timescale please provide this document as soon as possible or in any event by 5pm on 26 February 2020. The documents that you provide will be attached to the report for the Council Executive that they will consider when making their decision.

Your speedy assistance in this matter would be much appreciated.

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From: TOA WestLothian <toawestlothian@gmail.com>
Sent: 29 January 2020 11:38
To: McMullan, Gary
Subject: Re: West Lothian Council Taxi Fare Review 2020 - [OFFICIAL]

Good Morning Gary,

The toa would like to propose a change to the tariff by reducing the yardage from 225 yards down to 210 yards per 20p, baggage charge from a max of 2 bags = 40p to max 3 bags = 60p and engagement fee from 60p to £1.00.

Regards

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I would be grateful if your response directly deals with the following points:-

1. Have your members voted in favour of changes to the taxi fare table?
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Please provide your association's response by Friday 31 January 2020.

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I look forward to receiving your response.

Kind Regards

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From: ianelder@444444.biz
To: [McMullan, Gary](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: West Lothian Council Taxi Fare Review 2020 - [OFFICIAL]
Date: 28 January 2020 12:05:07

Good Morning Gary

We met with the TOA to discuss this. We agreed to submit the following request to ammend the Fares

1 yardage to be reduced from 225 yards as it is now, down to 210 yards

2 Call out charge to be increased 60 pence as it is now up to £1-00

3 Bags in the boot charge from 20p per bag up to a maximum of 2 bags as it is now up to 20p per bag up to a maximum of 3 bags

If there is anything not understood please just email me. Please advise safe receipt.

Thanks

Regards

Ian Elder

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From: ianelder@444444.biz
To: [McMullan, Gary](#)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Taxi and Metered PHCs Fare Table Review 2020
Date: 21 February 2020 23:51:03

Good Morning Gary

I understand Dougie Meechan of the TOA has already emailed you regarding this. Our position is the same, both associations have the opinion that our jointly proposed fare increase is as far as we want to go.

The WLAOTO Fellowship propose a higher increase and asked if we would compromise. Our reply to this was to decline as any compromise would in effect go further. Their email and my reply to them was CC'd to you 13-02-2020 at 11:11 am.

If you need another copy of that I can forward it.

If the Council will please consider the continuing discounting in West Lothian that we cannot seem to rid ourselves of.

The generally depressed market for taxis and PHC's in West Lothian.

The decreasing numbers of taxis and PHC's in West Lothian.

There is no point in having an increase in price that results in less custom.

Regards

Ian Elder

please note Dougie Meechan is agreeable to his name being added to this email

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