

5. CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 - TAXI FARE REVIEW

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Corporate Services providing an update on the review of the council's table of taxi fares and associated charges.

The report advised that under section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 the council as a licensing authority was required to fix fares for the hire of taxis in its area, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a taxi or arrangements for its hire, and to review its fare table every 18 months.

The current fare table came into force on 5 October 2017 and required to be reviewed by April 2019.

In accordance with previous practice, consultation with representatives of the West Lothian Taxi Owners Association and West Lothian Taxi and Private Hire Car Owners and Drivers Association was carried out. There were no requests to change the current fare table in the consultation responses. Therefore no changes were proposed to the scales and charges set out in the current fare table.

In conclusion the report advised that as a licensing authority the council was required to comply with section 17 of the 1982 Act by reviewing its fare table every 18 months in consultation with local trade organisations and thereafter to publish notice of any proposed changes to its fare table and to consider any representations made in writing regarding proposed changes.

It was recommended that the Council Executive :-

1. Notes that a review of the fare table had been undertaken, as required, under section 17 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 ("the 1982 Act");
2. Notes that consultation had taken place with the relevant trade organisations, as required under section 17(4A)(a) of the 1982 Act;
3. Notes that the notice of the proposed new fare table, explaining that there was no change to the current fare table, had been published in a newspaper circulating in the council's area, as required under section 17(4A)(c) of the 1982 Act;
4. Notes that the council must consider any representations made in writing regarding its proposed new fare table received within the period specified in the notice, as required under section 17(4A)(d) of the 1982 Act;
5. Notes that no representations were received within the statutory period; and
6. Approves the proposed new fare table, containing no changes to the current fare table, contained in Appendix 1.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report