

Protective Services Committee
26 September 1997

Irvine, 26 September 1997 - At a meeting of the Taxi Fare Review Sub-Committee of the Protective Services Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 11.00 a.m.

Present

Jack Carson, Thomas Barr, David Gallagher and Thomas Morris.

In Attendance

Ms J Kerr, Principal Licensing and District Court Officer (Legal Services); and Mr S Paxton, Administration Officer (Chief Executive).

Chair

Mr Carson in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Richard Wilkinson.

1. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982: Taxi Fare Review

The Sub-Committee met with Taxi Operators to hear their views with regard to the Taxi Fare Review. One written submission had been received from a Taxi Operator.

After discussion, having considered all the views expressed by the sixteen Taxi Operators who attended the meeting, it was proposed that the maximum fares for the exclusive hire of a taxi, which will apply to journeys in North Ayrshire will be as follows:-

(a) Fares by Distance

- (i) For a distance not exceeding three-quarters of a mile (or waiting time not exceeding ten minutes) £1.50;
- (ii) For each additional one-ninth of a mile or part thereof (or additional waiting time of one minute) ten pence.

(b) Extra Charges

- (i) For hires beginning or ending on 25 December and to 7.00 a.m. on 26 December and 1 January to 7.00 a.m. on 2 January, normal fare plus 100% and where the charge is being applied, no other extra charges;
- (ii) For hires beginning or ending on other statutory public holidays or Sundays between 12.00 midnight and 7.00 a.m. on any other day or for a journey from the zone in which the taxi is licensed to a point within another zone of North Ayrshire, £1.80 then 12 pence of every one-ninth of a mile thereafter.

(c) For a Call-out

- (i) Where a taxi is subsequently hired, 25 pence;
- (ii) Where a taxi is not subsequently hired, £1.00.

Fares for journeys outwith North Ayrshire should be agreed with the licence holder. No separate

fee will be charged to, or payable by, each passenger under any circumstances. Luggage will be carried provided it is of a size which can reasonably be accommodated in the car and will be carried free.

The card, which is affixed in a prominent place in the taxi, giving information to customers on the fare scale will also include information on statutory public holidays. Statutory public holidays are defined as Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday and Easter Monday.

The proposed Taxi Fare scale would be subject to a period of public consultation of twenty-eight days and the matter will be reported to the Protective Services Committee on 6 November 1997. It was anticipated that the new taxi fare scale would be effective from 1 December 1997.

The Sub-Committee agreed (a) the proposed maximum fares for exclusive hire of a taxi; (b) that the proposed fares be subject to a period of consultation in terms of the statutory procedure; and (c) that thereafter the matter be submitted to the Protective Services Committee for its consideration.

The meeting ended at 11.45 a.m.