

REPORT TO LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE – 12 OCTOBER 2018

UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF REVISED TAXI FARE SCALE

1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

1.1 Note that the implementation of the revised taxi fare scale has been delayed until 1 November, 2018

2 Background / Discussion

2.1 At the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee on 24 August, 2018, members approved the review of the taxi standard fare scale, to take effect from 1 October, 2018.

2.2 On 5 September, 2018, Aberdeenshire Council received notice from the Office of the Traffic Commissioner that a member of the trade had indicated an intention to appeal against the process. As the implementation process had to be suspended until the appeal had been dealt with, there was insufficient time to notify relevant parties of the revised fare scale in time for 1 October. Accordingly, implementation has been pushed back to 1 November, 2018, to allow the trade to put the required measures in place to comply with the revised fare scale.

2.3 The Monitoring Officer within Business Services has been consulted in the preparation of this report and is satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

3 Scheme of Governance

3.1 The Sub-Committee is able to consider and take a decision on this item in terms of Section C – Business Services: 1 – Committee Functions: 1.1(a) of the list of committee powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance which enables the Business Services Committee to decide on all policy issues and resource matters relating to Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 matters with implications across Area boundaries. The Committee determined that the licensing function should be delegated to the Licensing Sub-Committee.

4 Implications and Risk

4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required because approval of the appended guidance does not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.

- 4.2 There are no staffing and financial implications.
- 4.3 The following Risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: changes in Government policy, legislation, and regulation - Corporate Risk Register.

No risks have been identified as relevant to the matter on a Directorate Level - Directorate Risk Registers.

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