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10 February 2025

To:- Councillors Lamont (Chair), Cavana, Clark, Dixon, Kilbride, Kilpatrick, Lyons, Mackay and Townson.

All other Members for Information Only

Dear Councillor

REGULATORY PANEL (LICENSING)

You are invited to participate in the above hybrid webcast Panel to be held on **Thursday 20 February 2025 at 10.00 a.m.** for the purpose of considering the undernoted business.

<u>Please note that a briefing meeting will take place for all Panel Members at 9.15 a.m., online and in the Prestwick Room.</u>

This meeting will be held on a hybrid basis, remotely and in County Hall and will be live-streamed and available to view at https://south-ayrshire.public-i.tv/

Yours sincerely

CATRIONA CAVES Chief Governance Officer

BUSINESS

- 1. Declarations of Interest.
- 2. Minutes of previous meeting of 23 January 2025 (copy herewith).
- 3. Business Under Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982:
 - (a) Short Term Lets.
 - (b) Taxi Driver.
 - (c) Driver Training.
 - (d) Taxi Vehicles.
 - (e) Private Hire Vehicles.

(relevant information for each item – Members Only)

ADDITIONAL ITEM

A Update – Review of Metered Taxi Fares – Submit report by Chief Governance Officer (copy herewith).

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REGULATORY PANEL

Minutes of a hybrid webcast meeting of 23 January 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

Present in Councillors Alan Lamont (Chair), Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Mark Dixon,

County Hall: Martin Kilbride and Duncan Townson.

Present Remotely: Councillors Mary Kilpatrick and Craig Mackay.

Apology: Councillor Lee Lyons.

Attending: K. Briggs, Service Lead - Legal and Licensing; L. McChristie, Co-ordinator

(Licensing); C. Carroll, Service Lead – Housing Strategy and Regeneration; G. Douglas, Environmental Health Officer; D. Scobie, Civic Licensing Standards Officer; G. Armstrong, Fleet Inspector; M. Wright, Fleet Officer; J. McClure, Committee Services Lead Officer; and C. McCallum, Committee

Services Assistant.

Also Attending: Inspector I. McColl and D. Hastings, Police Scotland.

Chair's Remarks

The Chair

- (1) welcomed everyone to the meeting; and
- (2) outlined the procedures for conducting this meeting and advised that this meeting would be broadcast live.

1. Sederunt and Declarations of Interest.

The Co-ordinator (Licensing) called the Sederunt for the meeting and having called the roll, confirmed that that there were no declarations of interest by Members of the Panel in terms of Council Standing Order No. 17 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of 28 November 2024 (issued) were submitted and approved.

3. Civic Licensing Standards Officer Update

The Civic Licensing Standards Officer outlined

- (1) the failure statistics for Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles for the final quarter of 2024 (1 October to 31 December), compared to the same period in 2023 as follows:-
 - (a) 27% failure rate for the thirty seven Taxi Vehicles tested and ten vehicles which failed; compared to 26% in 2023 when thirty eight Taxi Vehicles had been tested and ten failed; and

- (b) a 7% failure rate for the forty three Private Hire Vehicles tested and three failures as opposed to 18% in 2023 when forty five vehicles had been tested and eightf ailed:
- (2) that two of the taxi fails were classed as 'Do not drive until repaired (dangerous defects)' and eight were classed as 'Repair immediately (major defects);
- (3) that two of the Private Hire Vehicles were classed as 'Repair immediately (major defects)' and one failed on items on the South Ayrshire Council Fail Sheet;
- (4) that the statistics showed that Taxi figures had not changed for this period, however, there had been a significant decrease in fails for Private Hire Vehicles during this period;
- (5) the figures for the final quarter in 2019 pre-pandemic;
- (6) the annual statistics for 2024 compared with 2023 with the percentage of taxi vehicles failing the test increasing from 20% to 23% and private hire decreasing from 22% to 7% which was concerning;
- (7) that for the pre-pandemic figures for 2019 compared with 2024, the percentage of Taxi Vehicles failing the test was 15% and for Private Hire was 10%;
- (8) the annual figures for Taxi Vehicles and Private Hire Vehicles for 2019 to 2024; and
- (9) that all operators who failed a test would continue to be monitored and any operator failing a test with "do not drive" would continue to be cited to this Panel at the earliest opportunity.

The Panel

Decided: to note the update from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer.

4. Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences

(a) Late Hours Catering

(i) 45 Fort Street, Ayr

The Panel heard from the Environmental Health Officer and from the applicant's representative and adjourned for consideration of this application.

Upon reconvening, the Panel

<u>Decided</u>: to continue consideration of this application to a future meeting of this Panel.

(ii) 124B Main Street, Prestwick

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) and from the applicant in relation to this application.

The Panel

Decided: to grant the above application subject to standard conditions as previously agreed, the approved hours being every Sunday to Thursday from 11.00p.m. – 12.00a.m; and every Friday and Saturday from 11.00p.m. - 2a.m. (Grocery Store).

5. **Exclusion of press and public.**

The Panel resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the press and public be excluded from the following four items, on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information in terms of paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 - Licences 6.

(a) **Taxi Driver Licence**

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Licensing) and from Police Scotland (i) regarding the application from John Compton.

The Panel

Decided: in the absence of the applicant, to refuse this application, in terms of Paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, on the grounds that the applicant was not a fit and proper person to hold the licence.

The Panel (ii)

> **<u>Decided</u>**: to note that, as the above application had been refused, the proposed suspension of the licence held by John Compton would now fall.

(iii) The Panel heard from Police Scotland and from the representative for the licence holder, Balwant Singh Sandhu, in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence currently held by him.

In terms of Standing Order No. 19.9, there was no general agreement to the unopposed motion, therefore, the Panel moved to a vote undertaken by electronic means for or against the Motion. Seven Members voted for the Motion and one Member voted against the Motion and the Panel

Decided: to reinstate Balwant Singh Sandhu's licence.

The Panel heard from Police Scotland and from the representative for the licence (v) holder, Colin Jamieson, in relation to his renewal application.

Decided: to approve this application for three years, subject to standard conditions as previously agreed.

Councillor Kilpatrick left the meeting at this point.

<u>Adjournment</u>

The time being 11.40 a.m., the Panel adjourned for fifteen minutes.

Resumption of Meeting

The Panel resumed at 11.55 a.m.

Taxi Driver Complaints (b)

The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer and from the licence (i) holder, Kevin Woolway, in relation to the complaint against him.

Councillor Mark Dixon, seconded by Councillor Duncan Townson, moved that Mr Woolway complete an additional training course at Ayrshire College within six months of today's date, following which he should advise the Licensing Team of completion of this training.

By way of Amendment, Councillor Alec Clark, seconded by Councillor Martin Kilbride, moved that Mr Woolway be issued with a warning letter regarding his conduct with regard to this incident.

On a vote being taken by electronic means, four Members voted for the Amendment and three Members voted for the Motion. The Amendment was accordingly declared carried and the Panel

Decided: that that Mr Woolway be issued with a warning letter regarding his conduct with regard to this incident.

Councillor Duncan Townson left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Ian Cavana declared an interest at this point for the next item as it had become apparent that he had been in communication with the licence holder's wife on another matter. He left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Alan Lamont declared an interest at this point for the next item as it had become apparent that the complainant was known to him. He left the meeting and Councillor Martin Kilbride took the Chair at this point.

The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, from the complainant (ii) and from the licence holder, Alexander Collins, in relation to the complaint.

The Panel

Decided: to vary the terms of Mr Collins' licence such that he should undertake another training course at Ayrshire College within six months of today's date; and thereafter, advise the Licensing Team when he had completed this training.

Councillor Alan Lamont resumed the Chair at this point.

Councillor Ian Cavana rejoined the meeting at this point.

(c) Taxi Vehicle Licence

The Panel heard from the Civic Licensing Standards Officer, in relation to the proposed suspension of the licence currently held by Andrew Young.

The Panel

<u>Decided</u>: that Mr. Young's vehicle should be re-tested within eight weeks of today's meeting and, thereafter, the vehicle should be tested every four months from the first re-test for the duration of any licence for this vehicle.

(d) **Short Term Lets**

(i) 8 Rowallan Court, South Beach Road, Ayr

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Housing Policy and Strategy) in relation to the above application.

The Panel

<u>Decided</u>: to refuse this application on the basis of any other good reason, being planning permission was required for the use of the property as a short term let but not held.

(ii) Orchard Flat, 2D Racecourse View, Ayr

The Panel heard from the Co-ordinator (Housing Policy and Strategy), from the applicant's representative and from the representative for the objectors in relation to the above application.

The Panel

<u>Decided</u>: to undertake an accompanied site visit to the premises, at a date and time to be arranged.

The meeting ended at 1.45 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3(a)

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL REGULATORY PANEL 20 FEBRUARY 2025 SHORT TERM LETS LICENCE

1. Orchard Flat, 2D Racecourse View, Ayr, South Ayrshire, KA7 2TS

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3(b)

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL REGULATORY PANEL 20 FEBRUARY 2025 TAXI DRIVERS

- 1. Mark Ballantyne
- 2. Gemma Hosie
- 3. Ross Jarvie
- 4. Richard Colville

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3(c)

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

REGULATORY PANEL

20 FEBRUARY 2025

TRAINING

- 1. David McCririck
- 2. Mohammad Mehdi Oruzgani
- 3. Ladislav Banom
- 4. Cameron McFarlane
- 5. John Andrew
- 6. Michelle Thomson
- 7. Aimee-Dawn Woods
- 8. Gurchet Singh
- 9. Diana Woods
- 10. Huda Ishaque Shahid

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3(d)

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL REGULATORY PANEL 20 FEBRUARY 2025 TAXI VEHICLES

- 1. Ria Taxis Limited and Graeme Russell
- 2. Marion McKee
- 3. 1 Alba Cabs Limited and John Grigor
- 4. Jane Coulter
- 5. John Grigor

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3(e)

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL REGULATORY PANEL 20 FEBRUARY 2025 PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

- 1. 1 Alba Cabs Limited and John Grigor
- 2. John Grigor

South Ayrshire Council

Report by Chief Governance Officer to Regulatory Panel (Licensing) of 20 February 2025

Subject: Update - Review of metered taxi fares

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Regulatory Panel's approval to continue the review of metered fares for taxis and update the proposed new fare scale.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Panel:

- 2.1.1 proposes updated maximum scales for fares, as detailed in Appendix 2;
- 2.1.2 instructs officers to advertise the proposed scales in a newspaper circulating in the local authority area;
- 2.1.3 in the event of there being no adverse representations received, grants delegated authority to the Service Lead, Legal and Licensing, to fix the scales as proposed and give notice of the scales and date of commencement of the scales, in a newspaper circulating in the local authority;
- 2.1.4 in the event of there being adverse representations received, instructs officers to bring back a further report to Panel, to consider those representations.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Regulatory Panel (Licensing) at their meeting on 31st October 2024, considered a report from the Chief Governance Officer regarding a review of the taxi fare scales. The Panel decided:
 - (1) to propose new maximum scales for fares, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report;
 - (2) to request officers to advertise the proposed scales in a newspaper circulating in the local authority area;

(3) in the event of there being no adverse representations received, to grant delegated authority to the Service Lead – Legal and Licensing, to fix the scales as proposed and to give notice of the scales and date of commencement of the scales, in a newspaper circulating in the local authority area; and (4) in the event of there being adverse representations received, to request officers to bring back a further report to Panel, to consider those representations.

The current fare scale is shown in Appendix one.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 Unfortunately, there was an administrative error in the proposed fare scale contained in the 31st October 2024 report. This report advised the proposed fare scale was based on the representation from Richard Colville and Ayr Premier Taxis, see Appendix 3. Richard Colville's response is on behalf of the Taxi Owners Association which was submitted after consultation with Thistle Cabs, Ayr Premier Taxis, Citadel Taxis and Cowan's Taxis, therefore representing the taxi trade. Unfortunately, not all of the information from this representation was updated to the proposed fare scale, in particular relating to amendments to yardage and waiting times, and as a result, it is necessary to seek further approval from the Panel
- 4.2 In terms of the legislation, the proposed fare scale requires to be advertised in the local newspaper for one month. Any person may comment on the proposed scale, and in fixing a new fare scale, the licensing authority must consider any representations.
- 4.2.1 If no adverse representations are received officers are seeking delegated authority to fix the scales for the fares, and to give notice of the scales in an advertisement in the local newspaper. The new scales will come in effect at least 7 days after this advertisement.
- 4.2.2 If any adverse representations are received then the proposed scales will require to be referred back to the Regulatory Panel for further consideration.

5. Legal and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 5.2 There are no procurement implications arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. Human Resources Implications

7.1 Not applicable

8. Risk

8.1 Risk Implications of Adopting the Recommendations

8.1.1 There are no risks associated with adopting the recommendations.

8.2 Risk Implications of Rejecting the Recommendations

If the recommendations are rejected the licensed taxi trade will continue to suffer financial difficulties and South Ayrshire may lose some operators as their business remains or becomes unsustainable

9. Equalities

9.1 The proposals in this report have been assessed through the Equality Impact Assessment Scoping process. The overall impact has been assessed as low and therefore a full Equalities Impact Assessment is not required. A copy of the Equalities Scoping Assessment is attached as Appendix A

10. Sustainable Development Implications

10.1 **Considering Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)** - This report does not propose or seek approval for a plan, policy, programme or strategy or document otherwise described which could be considered to constitute a plan, programme, policy or strategy.

11. Options Appraisal

11.1 An options appraisal has not been carried out in relation to the subject matter of this report.

12. Link to Council Plan

12.1 The matters referred to in this report contribute to Commitment 4 of the Council Plan: Make the most of the local economy

13. Results of Consultation

13.1 The Portfolio Holder for Buildings, Housing and Environment, Councillor Martin Kilbride, has been consulted and is supportive of the report.

Background Papers : Report to Regulatory Panel, 31st October 2024 – Review of metered taxi fares

https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/media/13420/Agenda-Item-No-4d-Review-of-Metered-Taxi-Fares/pdf/Item_4d_REGLIC311024_Taxi_Fares.pdf?m=1730804530503

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Date: 14th February 2025

South Ayrshire Council Equality Impact Scoping Assessment



Equality Impact Assessment is a legal requirement under the Public Sector Duty to promote equality of the Equality Act 2010. Separate guidance has been developed on Equality Impact Assessment's which will guide you through the process and is available to view here: https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/equalities/impact-assessment.aspx

Further guidance is available here: https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/publication-download/assessing-impact-and-public-sector-equality-duty-guide-public-authorities/

The Fairer Scotland Duty ('the Duty'), Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010, came into force in Scotland from 1 April 2018. It places a legal responsibility on Councils to actively consider ('pay due regard to') how we can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions. FSD Guidance for Public Bodies in respect of the Duty, was published by the Scottish Government in March 2018 and revised in October 2021. See information here: https://www.gov.scot/publications/fairer-scotland-duty-guidance-public-bodies/

1. Policy details

Policy Title	Update - Review of metered taxi fares
Lead Officer (Name/Position/Email)	Laura McChristie – Co-ordinator – Licensing – laura.mcchristie@south-ayrshire.gov.uk Karen Briggs – Service Lead – Legal and Licensing –
	karen.briggs@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

2. Which communities, groups of people, employees or thematic groups do you think will be, or potentially could be, impacted upon by the implementation of this policy? Please indicate whether these would be positive or negative impacts

Community or Groups of People	Negative Impacts	Positive impacts
Age – men and women, girls & boys	Low – girls and boys may be less likely to use a taxi due to increased cost. There is a free bus travel scheme that under 22's are entitled to so alternative transport is available. Also free bus travel scheme is available for age 60+.	No impact

Disability	Low – disabled people may be less likely to use a taxi due to cost. There is a free bus travel scheme that disabled people are entitled to so alternative transport is available. Some disabled people are also entitled to a blue badge which can assist with parking.	No impact
Gender Reassignment (Trans/Transgender Identity)	No impact	No impact
Marriage or Civil Partnership	No impact	No impact
Pregnancy and Maternity	No impact	No impact
Race – people from different racial groups, (BME) ethnic minorities and Gypsy/Travellers	No impact	No impact
Religion or Belief (including lack of belief)	No impact	No impact
Sex – (issues specific to women & men or girls & boys)	No impact	No impact
Sexual Orientation – person's sexual orientation i.e. LGBT+, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, heterosexual/straight	No impact	No impact
Thematic Groups: Health, Human Rights & Children's Rights	No impact	No impact

3. What likely impact will this policy have on people experiencing different kinds of social disadvantage i.e. The Fairer Scotland Duty (This section to be completed for any Strategic Decisions). Consideration must be given particularly to children and families.

Socio-Economic Disadvantage	Negative Impacts	Positive impacts
Low Income/Income Poverty – cannot afford to maintain regular payments such as bills, food, clothing	Low - taxis become slightly more expensive. Other potential transport options are available such as free bus schemes for age under 22 and 60+.	Low– Taxi drivers are able to increase their earnings, to help their families.
Low and/or no wealth – enough money to meet	Low – taxis become slightly	Low – taxi drivers able to increase
HIGGI	more expensive.	earnings to help

Basic living costs and pay bills but have no savings to deal with any unexpected spends and no provision for the future		their families. Also assist with meeting increases in car costs.
Material Deprivation – being unable to access basic goods and services i.e. financial products like life insurance, repair/replace broken electrical goods, warm home, leisure/hobbies	Low – taxis become slightly more expensive.	Low – taxi drivers able to increase earnings to help their families. Also assist with meeting increases in car costs and viability of taxi firms as local employers.
Area Deprivation – where you live (rural areas), where you work (accessibility of transport)	Low – taxis become slightly more expensive.	Low – taxi drivers able to increase earnings to help their families. Also assist with meeting increases in car costs and viability of taxi firms as local employers.
Socio-economic Background – social class i.e. parent's education, employment and income	Low – taxis become slightly more expensive.	Low – taxi drivers able to increase earnings to help their families. Also assist with meeting increases in car costs and viability of taxi firms as local employers.

4. Do you have evidence or reason to believe that the policy will support the Council to:

General Duty and other Equality Themes Consider the 'Three Key Needs' of the Equality Duty	Level of Negative and/or Positive Impact
	(High, Medium or Low)
Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation	No Impact
Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not	No Impact
Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. (Does it tackle prejudice and promote a better understanding of equality issues?)	No impact

Increase participation of particular communities or groups in public life	No impact
Improve the health and wellbeing of particular communities or groups	No impact
Promote the human rights of particular communities or groups	No impact
Tackle deprivation faced by particular communities or groups	No impact

5. Summary Assessment

Is a full Equality Impact Assessment required? (A full Equality Impact Assessment must be carried out if impacts identified as Medium and/or High)	YES	
•	NO	X
Rationale for decision: In assessing the impact of the decision required to b this report, to carry out a review of metered taxi fares assessed as Low.		
Signed :Karen Briggs Date:14.2.25		Service Lead

Current Fare Card

With effect from 1st May 2022 the maximum fares and charges are as follows:

Journeys made within South Ayrshire

Tariff 1

For up to 5 passengers - journeys beginning after 6.00am until midnight

- (1) For a distance not exceeding 1100 yards, or a waiting time not exceeding 280 seconds £3.60
- (2) For each additional and subsequent 130.4 yards, or part thereof, or additional waiting time of 40 seconds or part thereof. £0.20

Tariff 2

For up to 5 passengers - journeys beginning after midnight until 6.00am

- (1) For a distance not exceeding 1100 yards, or a waiting time not exceeding 280 seconds. £4.80
- (2) For each additional and subsequent 130.4 yards, or part thereof, or additional waiting time of 40 seconds or part thereof. £0.20

Tariff 3

For 6-8 passengers - journeys beginning after 6.00am until midnight

- (1) For a distance not exceeding 1100 yards, or a waiting time not exceeding 280 seconds. £5.40
- (2) For each additional and subsequent 130.4 yards, or part thereof, or additional waiting time of 40 seconds or part thereof. £0.30

Tariff 4

For 6-8 passengers - journeys beginning after midnight until 6.00am

- (1) For a distance not exceeding 1100 yards, or a waiting time not exceeding 280 seconds. £7.20
- (2) For each additional and subsequent 130.4 yards, or part thereof, or additional waiting time of 40 seconds or part thereof. £0.30

Christmas and New Year

For journeys beginning after 9pm until midnight on 24 and 31 December, and from 6am until midnight on 25 and 26 December, and 1 and 2 January, and for journeys beginning after midnight until 6am on 25, 26, 27 December, and on 1, 2, 3 January.

All fares will be subject to a surcharge of fare plus 50%.

Additional charges

Where a taxi has been arranged, but not used by the hirer, the applicable tariff will apply. Waiting time (per hour) is £18.00.

Soiling Charge - a fee is chargeable for any soiling which necessitates a taxi being removed from service for cleaning. £60.00

Journeys made outwith South Ayrshire

Such a fare, prior to the acceptance of the hire, as may be proposed to the hirer and accepted by him.

Proposed Fare Scale 2025 – Draft

Journeys made within South Ayrshire

Tariff 1

For up to 5 passengers - journeys beginning after 6.00am until midnight

- (1) For a distance not exceeding 1100 yards, or a waiting time not exceeding 280 seconds £4.00
- (2) For each additional and subsequent **125.7** yards, or part thereof, or additional waiting time of **37.9** seconds or part thereof. £0.20

Tariff 2

For up to 5 passengers - journeys beginning after midnight until 6.00am

(1) For a distance not exceeding 1100 yards, or a waiting time not exceeding 280 seconds.

£5.00

(2) For each additional and subsequent **125.7** yards, or part thereof, or additional waiting time of **37.9** seconds or part thereof. £0.20

Tariff 3

For 6-8 passengers - journeys beginning after 6.00am until midnight

- (1) For a distance not exceeding 1100 yards, or a waiting time not exceeding 280 seconds. £6.00
- (2) For each additional and subsequent **125.7** yards, or part thereof, or additional waiting time of **37.9** seconds or part thereof. £0.30

Tariff 4

For 6-8 passengers - journeys beginning after midnight until 6.00am

- (1) For a distance not exceeding 1100 yards, or a waiting time not exceeding 280 seconds.
- (2) For each additional and subsequent **125.7** yards, or part thereof, or additional waiting time of **37.9** seconds or part thereof. £0.30

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For journeys beginning after 9pm until midnight on 24 and 31 December, and from 6am until midnight on 25 and 26 December, and 1 and 2 January, and for journeys beginning after midnight until 6am on 25, 26, 27 December, and on 1, 2, 3 January.

All fares will be subject to a surcharge of fare plus 50%.

Additional charges

Where a taxi has been arranged, but not used by the hirer, the applicable tariff will apply. Waiting time (per hour) is £19.00 for up to 5 passengers, £28.50 for 6-8 passengers Soiling Charge - a fee is chargeable for any soiling which necessitates a taxi being removed from service for cleaning. £70.00

Journeys made outwith South Ayrshire

Such a fare, prior to the acceptance of the hire, as may be proposed to the hirer and accepted by him.

<u>Richard Colville, on behalf of the Taxi Owners Association and in consultation with Ayr</u> Premier, Thistle Cabs, Cowans Taxis and Citadel Taxis prior to submitting the proposal below.

Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 and Transport Act 1985

METERED FARES FOR TAXIS AND PRIVATE HIRE CARS

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2024



JOURNEYS MADE WITHIN SOUTH AYRSHIRE

TARIFF 1

For up to 5 passengers - Journeys beginning after 6.00am until midnight.

(1)	For a distance not exceeding 1100 yards, or waiting time not exceeding 280 seconds.	£4.00
(2)	For each additional and subsequent 125.7 yards, or part thereof, or additional	
	waiting time of 39.1 seconds or part thereof.	£0.20

TARIFF 2

For up to 5 passengers - Journeys beginning after midnight until 6.00am.

(1)	For a distance not exceeding 1100 yards, or waiting time not exceeding 280 seconds.	£5.00
(2)	For each additional and subsequent 125.7 yards, or part thereof, or additional	
	waiting time of 37.9 seconds or part thereof.	£0.20

TARIFF 3

For 6 - 8 passengers - Journeys beginning after 6.00am until midnight.

(1)	For a distance not exceeding 1100 yards, or waiting time not exceeding 280 seconds.	£6.00
(2)	For each additional and subsequent 125.7 yards or part thereof, or additional	
	waiting time of 37.9 seconds or part thereof.	£0.30

TARIFF 4

For 6 - 8 passengers - Journeys beginning after midnight until 6.00am.

(1)	For a distance not exceeding 1100 yards, or waiting time not exceeding 280 seconds.	£7.50
(2)	For each additional and subsequent 125.7 yards or part thereof, or additional	
	waiting time of 37.9 seconds or part thereof.	£0.30

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PERIOD

For Journeys beginning after 9.00pm until midnight on 24 & 31 December, and from 6.00am until midnight on 25 & 26 December and 1 & 2 January, and for Journeys beginning after midnight until 6.00am on 25, 26 & 27 December, and on 1, 2 & 3 January.

ALL FARES WILL BE SUBJECT TO A SURCHARGE OF FARE PLUS 50%

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

- (1) Where a taxi has been arranged, but not used by the hirer, the applicable tariff will apply.
- (2) Waiting time (per hour) £19.00 for up to 5 Passengers. £28.50 for 6 8 Passengers
- (3) Soiling Charge a fee is chargeable for any soiling which necessitates a taxi being removed from service for cleaning.

£70.00

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Such a fare, prior to the acceptance of the hire, as may be proposed to the hirer and accepted by him.