

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSING PANEL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2006 AT 1000 HOURS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Raymond, Jim O'Neill, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Isabella Macrae, Harry Wilson, John Campbell, George Smith, William Menzies, Neil McGhee and Elaine Stewart.

ATTENDING: David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; John F. Crawford, Head of Protective Services; David Johnstone, Licensing and Community Safety Manager; and Sharon McHarg, Administrative Officer.

CHAIR: Councillor Jim Raymond, Chair.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Chair at his discretion and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business to that shown below.

REVIEW OF TAXI FARES (Item 9, page 1898, 03/07)

2. There was submitted a report dated 22 February 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which invited the Licensing Panel to fix scales for taxi fares and associated charges.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to fix the scales for taxi fares and associated charges as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report for all East Ayrshire (to be effective from 1 June 2006) as follows:-

FARES BY DISTANCE	CHARGE
Distance not exceeding 2240 yds	£2.50
For each additional 170 yds (or part thereof)	£0.15

These rates shall include going from the nearest stand to the hirer's address or other place of uplift.

SURCHARGES	CHARGE
For hires accepted between the hours of midnight and 0600 hours	£0.60 per hire
For hires accepted on the 1 and 2 January and 25 and 26 December in each year	Normal fare plus 100% (distance rates only)
5, 6 and 7 seater Taxis For each passenger in excess of four	£0.60 per passenger
Waiting Time After an initial period of 5 minutes, each subsequent period of 5 minutes (or part thereof)	£1.15
Taxi called by hirer and not used	£2.50
Radio call charge	£0.20
Fouling Charge	£30.00

- (ii) to remit the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to carry out the further statutory procedures as set out in paragraph 5 of this report.

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982 (LICENSING OF SKIN PIERCING AND TATTOOING) ORDER 2006

3. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which advised the Panel of the provisions of the above Order affecting the Council as Licensing Authority, to seek authority to deal with applications under the Council's Scheme of Delegation and to set fees in respect of applications for grant or renewal of licences.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the licensing of skin piercing and tattooing in terms of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (Licensing of Skin Piercing and Tattooing) Order 2006, be remitted to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and that the Council's Scheme of Delegation be amended accordingly;
- (ii) that the following fees for applications be approved;-
- (a) grant/renewal of licence involving premises - £250; and
- (b) grant/renewal of licence not involving premises - £250; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

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APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE – IAIN PATRICK

4. The Committee were advised that the applicant had been delayed and was not expected to arrive until 1030 hours.

ADJOURNMENT/RECONVENTION OF MEETING

5. It was agreed to adjourn at 1025 hours.

The meeting reconvened at 1050 hours with the same members and officers present and in attendance.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the applicant had been further delayed and was not in attendance; and
- (ii) that consideration of the application be continued to the next meeting of the Panel.

The meeting terminated at 1055 hours.