

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 9 AUGUST 2017

(Inverclyde) Limited and the Operators Liaison Group.

The Board heard Mr Hambley in support of the trade recommendations and Mr Bradley in respect of the submission by the Head of Environmental & Commercial Services.

Mr Keenan advised the Board that the additional requests made by the trade in their submission would be discussed at a future meeting of the Board and not as part of the Taxi Fares Review.

After discussion, Councillor Brooks moved that Tariff 3 should take effect from 10pm.

As an amendment Councillor J McEleny moved that Tariff 3 remain at 11pm.

On a vote, 4 Members, Councillors Brennan, Crowther, Moran and Quinn, voted for the amendment and 4 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Curley, Dorrian and MacLeod, for the motion.

There being equality in voting, the Chair exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which was declared carried.

Members discussed the increase requested by the trade and, following discussion, Councillor Brooks moved that the flag fall remain the same for Tariffs 1, 2, 3 and 4 and that the proposal of a 6% reduction in yardage for the initial charge and subsequent charge for yardage be granted.

As an amendment, Councillor J McEleny moved that the reduction in yardage be in line with the consumer price index of 2.9%. On a vote Councillor Moran voted for the amendment and 7 Members, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brennan, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, MacLeod and Quinn, voted for the motion which was declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the flag fall charge be maintained, with a 6% reduction in yardage for the initial charge and subsequent charge for yardage for Tariffs 1, 2, 3 and 4;
- (2) that Tariff 3 take effect from 10pm;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Property Services to arrange for public advertising of proposals at the first stage of the statutory process; and
- (4) that consideration of the introduction of a discount structure of 3 year licences be referred to a future meeting of the Board.