

GENERAL PURPOSES BOARD – 11 SEPTEMBER 2019

General Purposes BoardWednesday 11 September 2019 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Crowther, Curley, Dorrian, J McEleny, Moran and Quinn.

Chair: Councillor Dorrian presided.

In attendance: Mr D Keenan and Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services), Ms F Denver and Ms E Peacock (Legal & Property Services).

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Board.

548 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest 548

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor MacLeod.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

549 Taxi Fares Review 2019 549

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on the annual review of taxi fare scales for the purposes of public advertisement as the first formal stage of the statutory process.

Mr J Bradley was in attendance representing the Head of Environmental & Public Protection.

Mr Bradley provided the Board with detailed information on the calculations required on any increase across Tariffs 1, 2, 3 and 4. He explained the request to triple the fare increments as well as tripling the yardage in order to standardise all Tariffs. It was noted that at a meeting with trade representatives they had no concerns in standardising the Tariff as requested. There was a discussion on the various percentage increases and the Board considered the terms of the trade proposals. There were a number of variables being discussed and Members requested an adjournment in order to clarify appropriate figures and percentages.

There followed a short adjournment, on return Mr Douglas addressed the Board and clarified the recommendations outlined in the report. After discussion, Councillor Curley moved agreement of recommendation 4.2 to triple the fare increments as well as tripling the yardage which should result in the said increment which was unanimously agreed.

A further discussion on the percentage of increase was debated, following which Councillor Curley moved a 5p increase in the flag fall across all Tariffs with a 31p increase thereafter given the agreement to triple the distances involved together with tripling the fare increments. As an amendment, Councillor Brooks moved a 10p increase in flag fall across all Tariffs with a 31p increase thereafter. On a vote, three Members voted for the amendment (Councillors Brooks, Ahlfeld and Dorrian) and six Members for the motion which was declared carried (Councillors Brennan, Crowther, Curley, J McEleny, Moran and Quinn,).

Decided:

- (1) standardise initial flag fall to 880 yards on Tariff 1, 2 and 3;

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- (2) increase on initial flag fall by 5p on all Tariffs;
- (3) increase each additional yardage after initial flag fall to 31p by virtue of (4) below;
and
- (4) To triple the fare increments as well as tripling the yardage which results in said increment.