

## **TAXI FARE REVIEW 2015**

As you will know, the Council is obliged to review the maximum charges for taxi fares every eighteen months. Believe it or not, it is now almost eighteen months since the last fare card came into operation so the time has come to undertake a review. As with previous taxi fare reviews, this is essentially a three-staged process:

- **Stage One** – informal consultation with the taxi trade whereby they are invited to put forward any proposals for changes to taxi fares. Responses are gathered together and reported to the Licensing Committee. We are aiming to report to the Committee **on 8 April 2015**;
- **Stage Two** - the Licensing Committee consider any stage 1 responses received from the trade and formulate from these a set of proposals as to how the maximum fares should change, if at all. These proposals are then advertised in local newspapers inviting any person to lodge representations within one month;
- **Stage Three** – the Licensing Committee will once again consider the proposals and any responses received from the stage 2 consultation and make a final decision on what changes, if any, require to be made to the maximum fares. We are aiming for this to take place at the Licensing Committee on **3 June 2015**. An implementation date for any changes will be set at the same time and all operators will be informed of the outcome. The implementation date is likely to be **6 August 2015**.

We are now embarking on **Stage One** of the fare review. We would therefore like to invite you to make proposals **before 6 March 2015** regarding changes to the maximum fares. Do you think they should increase/ decrease/ stay the same?

We are keen to hear what you think about this because what you have to say will be put to the Licensing Committee when it's deciding what course of action to take regarding the fares.

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We look forward to hearing from you with your thoughts on taxi fares and thank you in advance for your input. When responding, please do so by email to:

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