

General Information	
Ministerial Decision Type	Drafting Instructions: Subordinate Legislation (Regulations/Order)
Report Title	Taxi-Cab Fare Increase 2023: Law drafting instructions
Minister	Infrastructure
Signatory	Minister
Lead Department	Infrastructure and Environment (IE)
Lead Directorate	Operations and Transport (IE)
Ministerial Decision Summary: Public or Absolutely/Qualified Exempt	Public Select if more than one Absolutely/Qualified Exemption.
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Relevant Scrutiny Report <i>(Only complete if presenting a ministerial response)</i>	Insert S.R. number.
Associated Law(s) and/or Subordinate Legislation	MOTOR TRAFFIC (CABS - FARES AND CHARGES) (JERSEY) ORDER 2017

Action required if recommendation agreed	The Inspector of Motor Traffic to issue instructions to the Principal Legislative Drafter to draft the necessary amendments to the legislation and make the administrative arrangements which would put these changes into effect.
Resource Implications	There are no new financial and/or manpower implications.

Introduction

This Ministerial Decision seeks the support of the Minister for Infrastructure, in accordance with his powers under Articles 38(1), and 38(2)(a) of the Motor Traffic (Jersey) Law 1935 which provides that:

“38(1) It is the duty of the Minister to prescribe by Order such matters as it is necessary or convenient to prescribe to ensure that, insofar as it is practicable to do so, there is an adequate, efficient and reasonably priced cab service available throughout Jersey at all times.

38(2)(a) The Minister may, in particular, prescribe – (a) the fares and charges payable for the hire of cabs;”

to amend the Motor Traffic (Cabs – Fares and Charges) (Jersey) Order 2017.

Recommendation

To request the Principal Legislative Drafter to draft the necessary legislation.

Background

In line with the ongoing reform of the Taxi-Cab industry to continue an annual review of the scale of fares and charges, and in consultation with the Minister and industry bodies, set an appropriate annual taxi-cab fare increase for 2023/2024.

Statistics Jersey published the Retail Prices Index (Taxi) for the period April 2022 to March 2023 on the 2nd May 2023 which was 12.1% for that period.

In making this decision, the Minister has agreed for taxi fares to be amended as detailed in Table 1 below having considered the latest RPI(Taxi), representations made by the industry and the requirement to provide an adequate, efficient and reasonably priced cab service throughout Jersey.

Table 1

Tariff	Current Flag	Proposed Flag	Current Drop	Proposed Drop
1	£3.34	£3.75	26p	29p
2	£3.30	£3.85	36p	40p
3	£5.90	£6.61	38p	43p

Recommendation

The Minister is recommended to approve the Inspector of Motor Traffic to instruct the Principal Legislative Drafter to draft Order amendments to the Motor Traffic (Cabs-Fares and Charges) (Jersey) Order 2017 to increase the taxi-cab fares as detailed in table 1 above.

Reason(s) for Decision

Annual Taxi Fare Review.