

(f) ADVANCE PAYMENT OF TAXI FARES (AN20-2012)

The Taxi Trade have requested that all taxi licence holders have their conditions of licence varied requiring a sign to be displayed in taxis advising customers that advance payment of fares would be required.

The views of Tayside Police were sought and a copy of a letter dated 21st December, 2011 is attached. (**Appendix 5**).

Following discussions at the Taxi Liaison Group, the Trade Representatives indicated that they would, as an alternative, accept the taxi fare card being amended to include the following wording:-

"At the discretion of the driver, you may be asked to pay a deposit to cover the fare in advance".

Taxi Trade Representatives have been invited to speak to their request and the Committee's instructions are requested. If an amendment to the fare card is agreed there will be no need to vary the conditions.