

Bridgend County Borough Council



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IF TAXI FEES INCREASE, THEN SO DO COUNCIL BADGE
AND TEST FEES,
PLEASE - NO INCREASES.

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Civic Offices
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I DO NOT AGREE TO HIGHER TARIFFS ON NON BANK HOLIDAYS
OF SUNDAYS AS PER PROPOSAL 2

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I like the idea that a different price from 3am to 6am and I think it's fair that the day time finish at 22:00

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The Tariffs must be increased as the Band rate of Tax has gone up by 0.25%, Fuel and food prices have increased. Also with cost of rent, Bridge + Parking have all gone up. Also too many taxi drivers - who are not of a good standard. poor English, slow driving - I'll mention shall not of been given a licence.

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Too many taxis licensed!
Council is a mess!!!
Now! To stop or even so out!!!

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The Business has gone long ago! Just like the town! The taxi business has been killed by this!!!
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They struggle to pay for their cars on HP! AND TO PAY THEIR BILLS!! Taxi drivers are struggling to make any profit FTG.

A note you need to!

Make the town a more attractive place to

come to, Perth! (Better facilities)

Good pubs + clubs - free parking - good shops)

HS businesses are closing up in Perth and Bield

people are going elsewhere to shop and for their

entertainment!!! The town is dead!!!

AND HAS A BAD NAME FOR TRAVEL!

Also there is too much drugs (and violence)

Especially towards taxi drivers by the public!

Too much drunken behavior by young people
and creating serious problems for police and

takeaway owners as well as taxi drivers

This matter needs URGENT!!! Attention

I know probably! as put out of

business by violent crimes

ON 27th March 2017 in Perth and

and attacked many times seriously

Over the 11 years! I have been a taxi driver
and chauffeur. I'm sure!

[Redacted] + taxi driver

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My ONLY COMMENT IS THAT TO MAKE THIS
BASIS ON CUSTOMERS YOU & WE SHOULD VISIT
THIS ANNUALLY OR MORE OFTEN THAN EVERY 7 yrs.

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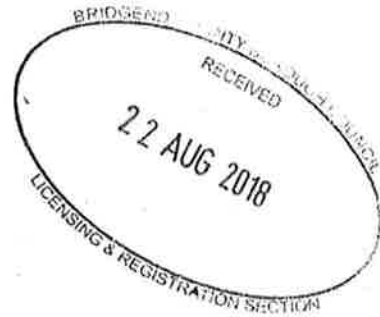
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FUEL PRICES HAVE BEEN (ON AVERAGE) THE SAME FOR THE LAST 10 YRS. WAGES FOR MOST WORKERS ARE STAGNANT. INTEREST RATES FOR SAVERS ARE ZILCH. THE COUNCIL IS HAVING TO COPE WITH CUTS TO ITS BUDGET ETC. ETC. WE ARE ALL

Please return this form to: FEELING THE EFFECTS OF TORY AUSTERITY.

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THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR ANY INCREASE IN TAXI FARES!!

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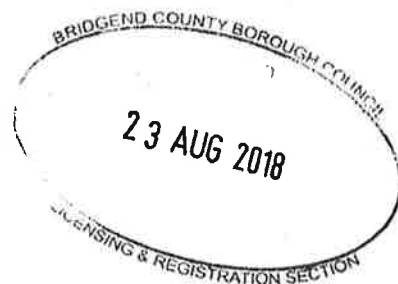
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This should 100% increase, especially as the fuel prices are going up. Also Tariff 2 should be all day Saturday / Sunday as Weekend. (High demand)

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BRIDGEND CAB DRIVERS ARE WELL OVERLOVE
A TARIFF INCREASE AS COSTS ARE ALWAYS
RISING AS WELL AS COMPETITION FROM MORE DRIVERS
AND THE ONGOING DEATH OF THE TOWN CENTRE.

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THE ABOVE IS BETTER FOR ME I THINK
AS I ONLY USE THE TAXI ON A FRIDAY
+ SATURDAY BETWEEN 22.00 - 04.00

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THIS TARIFF I BELIEVE TO BE THE MOST FAIR
FOR BOTH PUBLIC & DRIVERS IN LINE WITH OTHER
COUNTRIES. FULL COMMENTS TO BE SENT FROM MY
EMAIL.

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DUE TO THE ALREADY HIGH NUMBER OF HACKNEY/PRIVATE
HIRE CARS IN THE BOROUGH, WORK HAS SIGNIFICANTLY
DROPPED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. A PRICE INCREASE
WOULD FURTHER DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM USING
TAXIS, THEREFORE DECREASING INCOME FURTHER.

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Considering Every one else has had
a cost of living raise in the last
few years Taxi drivers havent.

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Please provide any additional comments:

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Cardiff Caerphilly Vale of Glamorgan
Have had an increase of 7% and 13% I think
it is time for Bridgend to follow

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Cardiff propose 7.45, Caerphilly 13% The Vale 7%
with increase in fuel, badge, maintenance, insurance.
increase is overdue. Bridgend is currently 329 cheapest
licence authority out of 370

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I don't think the change of time for tariff two should be changed, it would only penalise all the night drivers.

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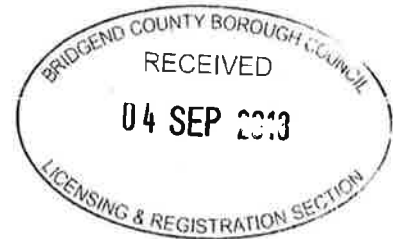
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I believe this to be the best proposal for drivers & passengers. It goes some way to recognising the ever increasing costs of operating. However, BCBC should also review its own charges for licensing for opportunities to reduce. The increase in the sailing charges is welcome though it is impossible to collect from passengers & no support is offered by BCBC even though they set the charge & the expectation for payment. This should be reviewed so as to support those BCBC licenses!

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*A modest increase is well overdue,
especially as running costs and council
fees are never reduced or frozen to help owners.*

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Soiling charge increase is pointless as no one pays it anyway! Be nice to have Tariff 2 all day Sunday included on Proposal 1. Proposals 2 + 4 not an option as Tariff 2 starts too late.

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Proposal 3 is only a slight increase so is fair for both driver and customer. Also the xmas tariff needs to be changed as in proposal 2.

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SINCE LAST RATE INCREASE OVER 7 YEARS AGO FUEL, INSURANCE,
MAINTENANCE, MEDICALS AND COUNCIL FEES HAVE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY
BEING FAIR TO CUSTOMERS HAVE CHOSEN CHEAPEST INCREASE BUT HAD WE HAD
INCREASE EVERY COUPLE OF YEARS WE WOULD BE CHARGING MORE

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It's important to realize that taxi fares
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Best for drivers + customers

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The taxi trade has had only one tariff increase in 13 yrs, this in my opinion reflects the best option for us.

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03/09/2018

I am a licensed Hackney Carriage Vehicle owner and driver in Bridgend and have been now for nearly 30 years. I am writing in response to the consultation being carried out by the licensing department in conjunction with the report for the council on the applications to increase the maximum tariff set by council in accordance with the local government (Miscellaneous Provisions) act 1976 section 65.

I support a rise in the maximum tariffs set and I support option 3 of the given options in this consultation, as an owner of a licensed Hackney Carriage I have the financial responsibility and commitment of purchasing and maintaining this vehicle to the high standards set by the council.

The last increase of these tariffs was back on 15th August 2011. The licensed taxi trade in the county borough of Bridgend have shown restraint during these past years of austerity imposed on the country by government in not applying to increase the tariffs, but now is the time for an increase to avoid the trade becoming insolvent and putting a risk to public safety by cost cutting on maintenance and servicing.

I have a few issues and concerns with this consultation conducted by the licensing department and with the level of support from this department and the council being offered to the licensed taxi trade.

The first application submitted to the council was back at the beginning of 2016, why has it taken until now late 2018 for a report to be prepared for council? Had that application been processed at the time of receipt, the financial burden on the trade would have been eased and at this time council may have been considering a smaller increase for the financial year 2018-19. This shows the poor support for the licensed taxi trade from this department.

I have issues with the covering letter from the licensing department and concerns with the level of information this consultation may provide to the council members and how misleading this may be.

The licensing department in their covering letter indicate that a significant increase in the fares might impact on the use of taxis as means of public transport, have the licensing department any evidence to support this statement? I as someone who has been in the licensed taxi trade for nearly 30yrs I can state that, I have witnessed many increases in the maximum tariffs set by the council and I have never experienced any long term impact to the trade from an increase. The first weeks of an increase may attract a few moans and groans as an increase in any costs would, but never an "impact on the use of taxis as a means of public transport" are the licensing department trying to influence this consultation?

The information provided by this consultation for the council members will not tell them who has voted in this consultation.

Are they owners of a licensed vehicle

Do they lease a vehicle

Are they a driver of a vehicle

Are they a full-time driver of a vehicle

Are they a part-time driver of a vehicle and have separate income from another source.

This consultation falls short in providing accurate information to the members about the opinions of the licensed taxi trade on an increase to the tariffs.

I would like to state that the council set the maximum tariff that a Hackney Carriage Vehicle may charge and keeping the maximum tariff low will only stifle competition in the taxi trade as it forces all patrons to be on these tariffs and will not allow a financial leeway to offer discounts and other incentives to the public.

Yours sincerely

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