

Bridgend County Hackney Association

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I am writing to council as Chairman of Bridgend County Hackney Association and on behalf of the licensed taxi trade in the county. This association has received numerous requests from all sectors of the taxi trade to apply for an emergency increase in the maximum authorised fare tariff set by council under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The last increase in fares was on the 14th January 2019, since then the trade has endured the economic devastation of the pandemic and now we have record increases in the cost of fuel resulting in a weekly cost of between £30-£60, and now the country is facing a cost of living crisis never witness in our life time. Several councils in S, Wales have already implemented emergency increases to help combat the financial crisis faced by taxi drivers and we ask that councils acts promptly and passes this emergency application.

Our proposal for the increase is as follows,

Increase of the Flag/Start of all tariffs by £0.70

Increase of the running mile to all tariffs by £0.20 with the increments set at £0.10, ie £2.20 per mile at 10p x 22.

Waiting to increase to £20 per hour.

Yours Sincerely

Paul F Pride

Chairman BCHA