

Calvert, Margaret

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 August 2018 13:41
To: Regen-TaxiLicensing
Subject: Hackney Carriage Tariff Increase Proposal

Dear Wirral Council Licensing Representatives,

As a Wirral licensed private hire operator we would like to make representation regarding the proposal to increase hackney carriage tariffs as set out in the TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE AUGUST 2018 information sheet. [REDACTED]

We fully endorse and support these staggering price hikes which will increase the cost of travelling in a Wirral licensed hackney carriage vehicle by as much as 25%.

The new rate of £5.40 for a single mile of a weekday evening compares very favourably with Delta's £2.50.

Ill conceived and unsustainable hackney carriage fare structures throughout the Liverpool City Region have already led to private hire services dominating more than 80% of the Merseyside taxi market.

Wirral's proposed increase will assist us greatly in cornering the remainder of this market and we therefore give this proposal our full support in the hope that it goes ahead.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Calvert, Margaret

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 August 2018 12:05
To: Regen-TaxiLicensing
Subject: Hackney tariff increase proposal

To whom this may concern, this email is to confirm i agree with the increase proposal for hackney tariff charges.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Calvert, Margaret

Subject:

FW: Proposed Hackney Tariff Increase

I have read that an increase in the Hackney Carriage tariff has been proposed by Unite. If this is correct can you take this email as my official objection to the increase.

I think that the proposed increases are excessive.

On the day tariff alone it will put a minimum of 40p to 60p on a short journey.

This will only make our customers look for alternative transport options ie private hire.

Also yet again this was a proposal from a small minority of union members.(I am led to believe approx 12 at the meeting) that are yet again trying to impose an increase on the other non union drivers on the Wirral.

I personally believe that what with the financial pressure some of our customers are under, to ask for this increase shows a total lack of common sense.

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Sent from my iPhone

Calvert, Margaret

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 August 2018 13:00
To: Regen-TaxiLicensing
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: JCC Taxi Representative

Dear Panel,

I have had a number of nominations since your news letter August 2018 to represent Hackney drivers licensed with Wirral Borough Council, the majority operate through the Eye Cab system currently thirty two drivers.

Whilst all these drivers are members of the Unite Union they feel they have been badly represented in the past resulting in the demise of the hackney trade on the Wirral through the lack of a democratic vote over issues that effect all the drivers operating on the Wirral today.

In the past years I have held positions through the Unite Union and well experienced in Union policies to provide all drivers with up to date information and a democratic vote on any issues that may arise in the future regardless of them being a Union member or not.

My belief is all drivers have the chance to voice their opinion and not a select few that have left us were we are today, therefore I accept their nomination and please accept this email to notify you of my interest.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE INCREASE PROPOSAL.

Again as above only a select number of drivers have put this proposal forward and the majority of the drivers must have the chance to accept or reject the proposal through a democratic vote, therefore this proposal should not be presented to the committee without the facts and figures of a democratic vote of the drivers who the proposal effects, this proposal should be backed up by figures that the whole trade has been consulted upon and not a select few that claim they represent us all.

Therefore I object to the proposal put forward on the grounds that proper consultation has not taken place and does not reflect the true feelings of the people who it directly effects.

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Calvert, Margaret

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 August 2018 19:56
To: Regen-TaxiLicensing
Subject: tarriff proposal

regarding the proposed tariff. I have several concerns.

On the proposed tariff on tariff 3 the rate is actually reduced from £3-90 to £3-80 , Is this a misprint or is this the actual proposal?

When WBC introduced the requirement for calendar controlled meters a tariff structure was agreed between the drivers and WBC this was a 4 rate tariff as follows. Tariff 1 - Standard day rate

Tariff 2 - Standard day rate plus 25% 10pm till 6 am and Bank holidays

Tariff 3 - Standard day rate plus 50% Bank holiday night rate

Tariff 4 - Standard day rate plus 100% Christmas and New year day and night

When this was implemented it was agreed that there would be an annual increase that was to be equal to the london PCO rate rise which takes into consideration all relevant cost of living increases. This was never implemented and has resulted in a significant reduction in driver earnings across the board. This is also affecting the quality of the Taxi fleet as drivers are unable to upgrade to New Vehicles and are resorting to buying used vehicles that are up to ten years old which comply with WBC conditions as a new vehicle would now cost £55,599 for a new TX5. £34,295 for a new ford procab or £44,495 for a new Mercedes M8 taxi.

At the moment the WBC hackney cab tariff is less than the tariffs in place for 4 seater private hire vehicles and when a 5 or 6 seater vehicle is requested a 50% surcharge is applied to the tariff.

