

APPENDIX 2

Fare Increase – comments from 2 drivers

Driver for the fare increase

We feel the proposed rise is long overdue and falls in line or slightly behind the rates of inflation in most other things related to the running costs of being a self employed taxi driver

Fuel, insurance, cost of vehicles, repairs are leading factors as all of these have risen excessively of late

The Job is becoming a profession where you work to cover your overheads without earning an average wage with drivers leaving, we feel any objection to this needed rise may impact the trade further with drivers potentially earning more money elsewhere without the many stresses of being self employed

Driver against the fare increase

I have voted for a no increase to the current fare tariff as I believe this would impact our ability to maintain our current customer base.

My thoughts are that if we were to increase the fares, the amount of people using taxis would decrease as we are all aware people are tightening their belts due to the current pressures of the cost of living crisis.

My belief is that increasing the current rate would only add pressure to peoples already tight budgets, Whilst I appreciate we have increased costs ourselves , I'm sure with a bit of self management we could make the current tariffs work.