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To: Taxis
Subject: taxi fees consultation

TAXI FEES CONSULTATION

To the Taxi Department

I am in the process of moving to Shropshire, and start my new Taxi/Hackney carriage business

I have been in the taxi business for 18 years, and i have seen a lot of changes of over the years, and many changes to come in the taxi business going all electric or hybrid.

It seems lot of cost are forwarded on to the drivers, increase in fees, increase in new taxi prices, increase fuel and add blue, to buy a new taxi with wheelchair access starts at £37999 to £65000, cab-direct, voyager mpv ltd, mercades vito taxi, and LEVC are the main taxi dealers.

My proposal would be

- ① New taxis should have one MOT a year for up to 10 years old, inspected in ANY independent MOT station, and keep the new proposed licensing fees.
IN WOLVERHAMPTON a new taxi has one MOT a year for upto 10 years old.
- ② TAXI ranks should be clearly marked out, in Shropshire, stating not for private hire.
- ③ Door signs are deliberately damaged by the customers, they should pay for replacement, why is the driver getting penalised, reinstatement of any signage should be free.
- ④ Transferring of the plates is far to expensive, it should be about £30.00.
- ⑤ large private hire companies, should pay larger amount of fees, because they are dominating the taxi and private hire business with hundreds of drivers, they are taking away work from traditional taxis ranks, the black cabs is a British icon, and a Ambassador for Shropshire.

If Shropshire council want to attract professional drivers who a willing to invest in new state of the taxis, the taxi fees have to be competitive.

From Experience passenger don't mind paying a little extra, as long as the driver has a nice clean taxi, the driver knows where he is going, even with a sat nav, and can hold a nice civil conversation.

Kind Regards

From:
Sent: 31 January 2019 15:44
To:
Subject: RE: taxi fees consultation

Good afternoon

Please accept my apologies with the delayed reply.

In response to your questions raised below I can confirm that 1-3 and 5 will be considered as part of the consultation into Shropshire Councils Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2019-2023.

In response to your point raised at 4, I can confirm that the fee set to change a vehicle on a licence has been set to reflect the work undertaken to process a Transfer of Licence application, which is very similar to the process for a new vehicle licence. However, where a licence holder wishes to transfer a licence to another person then the fee for that application is lower to reflect the work undertaken to process a Transfer of Licensee application. Additional information on the process for both application types can be found on the Licensing pages of Shropshire Councils website at <https://shropshire.gov.uk/licensing/>.

Kind regards