

Item 9.2 (Taxi Fare Review)

Dear Convenor,

ATG would like to put in a deputation in regard to the report Taxi Fare Review.

The trade has had meetings with the Council (TCG) and its own meetings. There is a consensus that the trade agree with parts of the report especially in respect to the rise in costs over the last few years.

It is of our opinion that costs have actually risen by more than the report states as although the trade use the same formula we certainly don't agree with where some of the information now comes from. Some of the information is now outdated and using information from 2014 is not ideal. We also accept until this formula is changed as part of the bigger picture then there is little that can be done.

We did ask at TCG that what we can't have is the fare structure bringing back 2 & 1 pence pieces and this does not seem to have been taken in to consideration and has not been the case for a considerable time in fact I was advised that this point was "glossed" over at the TCG meeting which is not acceptable. We would ask that this be looked at and the increase worked out on reducing the yardage. We feel this would be the best working practice for a taxi driver and this surely has to be taken in to account.

Within the review we certainly agree that it should only be the basic tariff that is increased and that all extras stay the same. Although the tariff may seem complicated to some we feel that it can't be adjusted to the detriment of the taxi driver and all extras stay the same. (the make up of these extras can be looked at when we look at the design of the formula in the next review but never to the detriment of the driver).

Regards

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