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Hackney office

North Devon District Council

We in the Hackney Trade request a tariff increase as fares have not kept up with increased running costs, our last increase on the running mile which is where our costs are felt, ie increase in fuel costs maintenance costs (which have doubled) tyres which have Quadrupled and even cleaning bills have increased, was in 1999 we have had increases on the lift off price but it takes 100 trips to recoup cost of change to meter, last rise was a reduction in time which gave a rise of 62 pence per trip which means anything over a mile is lost in fuel rises alone

Yours



R F Lethbridge

Howard Bee

From:
Sent: 14 November 2018 06:25
To: Howard Bee
Subject: Re: Hackney Tariff increase request

we are currently collecting information takes time as everyone is spread across the area, we need to know when is the meeting
regards

On Wednesday, 7 November 2018, 9:12, Howard Bee <Howard.Bee@northdevon.gov.uk> wrote:

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Thank you for your letter dated 22.10.18 regarding a request to increase the Hackney Carriage tariff. In your request you make reference to 'we in the Hackney Trade' could you please submit the names of the licensed drivers who you are representing who agree with your request and secondly could you provide written authorisation from the said drivers indicating that you are representing them.

Kind Regards, Howard Bee

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To North Devon council Hackney carriage committee

Our request to increase maximum allowed fare to £3 lift off and £3 for the running mile on basic is because costs have caught up with us who are full time (list of names and badge numbers attached these are the bulk of our full time hackney drivers) obviously part timers who only come out at prime times are difficult to speak to,

The last two rises were on the lift off only and nothing on the running mile where the bulk of expenses are felt, result was those drivers working the town centre average journey being three quarters of a mile which works out taking an average of 30mpg 20 trips per gallon which makes a rise of £2 per gallon, where as those looking after your tourists travelling to the various holiday resorts, which are roughly 30 miles per round trip only get 10P per gallon, the last rise was a reduction in distance of one quarter of a mile which is a rise of 62P per trip town drivers get £12.40 per gallon and again those working with tourists get 62P per gallon which obviously does not cover one fuel rise per litre let alone all the rises since 1999, plus large jump in cost of tyres (a set about £450 from £100) insurance has also increased dramatically, and a service for a vehicle is between £300 and £400, at the last rise on running mile fuel was under 90P and is now average £130 per litre.

We are also over run with hackney vehicles working for private hire companies and using the ranks as walk on offices, we need a compulsory first off on the ranks to give everyone a fair chance, any passenger that has a preferred driver can always phone them, it is very difficult for individuals to earn a living at the moment

Also the area has a lot of unlicensed drivers and vehicles working which no one in authority seems to be bothered about in fact one individual in authority is actually using one

Any questions contact /