

FARE INCREASE - DRIVERS

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<p>Respondent 1</p> <p>I am amazed you are asking this question. We need to return to the old system of a small fare increase every year. This provided stability for the taxi trade and was expected and accepted by the public.</p> <p>Now however, YOU have increased our costs by at least 100% and in some cases 400%. Very quickly and efficiently, with no consultation or justification. The fare increase should have been implemented at the same time, with equal efficiency.</p> <p>We need a large fare increase NOW just to help with these costs. Not to mention other costs and inflation.</p> <p>In the last five years, how much have wages increased for council employees? With ever increasing costs we are crippled with decreased profits and therefore wages. This means we cannot employ drivers and operators are forced to drive themselves, ever increasing hours, which is dangerous, both for the drivers and the public. There would be a national uproar if it were discovered that lorry drivers were being cornered into driving in excess of 75 hours a week!</p> <p>Many taxi drivers are doing this in order to earn enough money to survive. We do not need tired drivers on the road.</p> <p>What happened to the council that used to work with us to provide a good, efficient and safe public service! You are working against us now.</p>	<p>Respondent 2</p> <p>In my opinion we DO NOT require a need to review the taxi fares.</p> <p>There really does not need to be an increase as we have enough competition currently with the New Arriva Buses and customers already feel that they are paying a lot.</p> <p>I believe I am not the only Driver who feels this way.</p>
<p>Respondent 3</p> <p>It goes without saying that we are in desperate need of a fare increase as soon as possible. We have been 5 years without one!</p> <p>How much has the average salary increases in 5 years!</p>	
<p>Respondent 4</p> <p>I think the start of the meter should be £3.00 time and a half would be £4.50 double time would be £6 and then should go up every 75 over the first 150 meters for up to 4 people</p>	

<p>4 or more people the meter should start at £5 at time and a half would be £7.50 and double would be £10 with the same distance All time and a half should start at midnight not 11pm the same with double time should be from midnight with the exception of xmas and new year it should be double as it is before from 6pm on the 31st Dec till 6am 1st Jan</p> <p>The soiling charge for any vehicle should be a minimum of £75 as the current £50 dose not take into account any loss of earnings for the vehicle driver or the company</p>	
<p>Respondent 5</p> <p>Yes I think the taxi fares should be raised, it has been quite a few years since the last rate rise. The cost of living continues to rise with everything we purchase, the taxi vehicle licence has almost doubled, fuel prices rise almost monthly, not to mention cost of spares and repairs. The flag drop should stay the same, and a slight increase in the distance tarriff would be the fairest way to impose an increase therefore, the further you go the more you pay, thank you.</p>	
<p>Respondent 6</p> <p>As fares have not increased for a number of years i believe an increase is well overdue, all household bills have increased, ie,council tax rent and fuel without any rise of income. Also there are far to many taxis in faversham reducing income further.</p>	
<p>Respondent 7</p> <p>Following notice for cab fare increase consultations due very soon, I am writing to support fare increase.</p>	