

Hi Nikki,

Please take this as my wish to appeal against your proposed increase in PCC Licensing fees. I have been lead to believe that your department consulted trade reps regarding this matter, Fast Track is a private limited company, and we have had no contact from these Representatives nor from yourselves, I also find it astonishing that you haven't even consulted Aquacars who must control over 80% of all licenses issued.

Our fees this year will be in excess of thirty two thousand pounds, the company operates some 200 private hire licenses within the City yet I was informed of these increases by one of our drivers, I would of expected at the least a letter from your department.

Bear in mind it was only a few years ago you increased the fees to pay for the installation of an up to date computer system in order to increase your departments' efficiency

I would like the committee to share your rational behind the need for these rises in this time of austerity.

Your department has moved to a smaller & more cost effective facilities, this alone should result in savings to you budget. This does not give us, as your customer a better service, as my staffs now have to take a ticket & wait to be seen which in turn is costing us money.

I am currently out of the country until the 20th of this month, I am more than happy to meet & discuss with you the points above.

Regards

Ian Thomson