

Humphreys, Nickii

From: Andy Brimble [REDACTED]
Sent: 16 December 2014 11:01
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Taxi Lisencing Fees

Dear Sir/madam

RE: TAXI LICENSING FEES

I feel compelled to contact you with discontent with the recent decision the council has made with agreement of what I can only describe as extremely excessive increases

Without going into all the individual increases I would however feel sure you agree with me that a Hackney Badge fee from £70 per year to £176 per year **151.4% increase**
Is completely unjustified

Please receive this e/mail and its contents and I shall welcome a reply with your feedback at your earliest convenience

Regards

Andrew Brimble HB286

Humphreys, Nickii

From: Bruce Hall [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 December 2014 11:32
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: Proposed fees

Dear Nickii

In regard to the proposed fees and Portsmouth City Council Licensing Committee decision to opt for Option 1 full cost recovery, Aqua Cars wishes to object to the increased fees. The Taxis/Private trade are stunned by the astronomical rise in fees some as much as 100%.

I understand an meeting was arranged at the Council offices with members of the trade and I am assured that trade members were given assurances that Option 3 (to recover costs over a staged period of 3 years was the preferred option).

Aqua Cars strongly object to these proposed rises.

Yours sincerely

Bruce Hall
General Manager

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Humphreys, Nickii

From: christopher dixon [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 December 2014 16:03
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: LICENSING COMMITTEE - FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2014 - DECISIONS

Hi Nickii,

May I register an objection to the advertised fees - the basis of my objection is the Licensing Committee have reneged over the agreement made in November 2013 and endorsed in January 2014

May I also request I get to make representation to the Committee as and when the Committee meeting takes place please?

Viv and I are being asked in abundance from Hackney drivers and owners as to why there is such a huge difference in fees for the likes of a Private Hire badge and vehicle fees in comparison to the same fees for the Hackney sector?

Trying to explain to a Hackney driver and owner the reason his fees are massively more expensive due to time spent on them as opposed to Private Hire is not easy as they and I are not able to grasp the huge disparity for what is in essence a different coloured plate and badge issued by Portsmouth Council

In order for me to pass this information onwards and to prepare for the Committee, may I respectfully request a short and basic explanation as to why there is such a huge difference in fees for the likes of a Private Hire badge and vehicle fees in comparison to the same fees for the Hackney sector?

Kind Regards

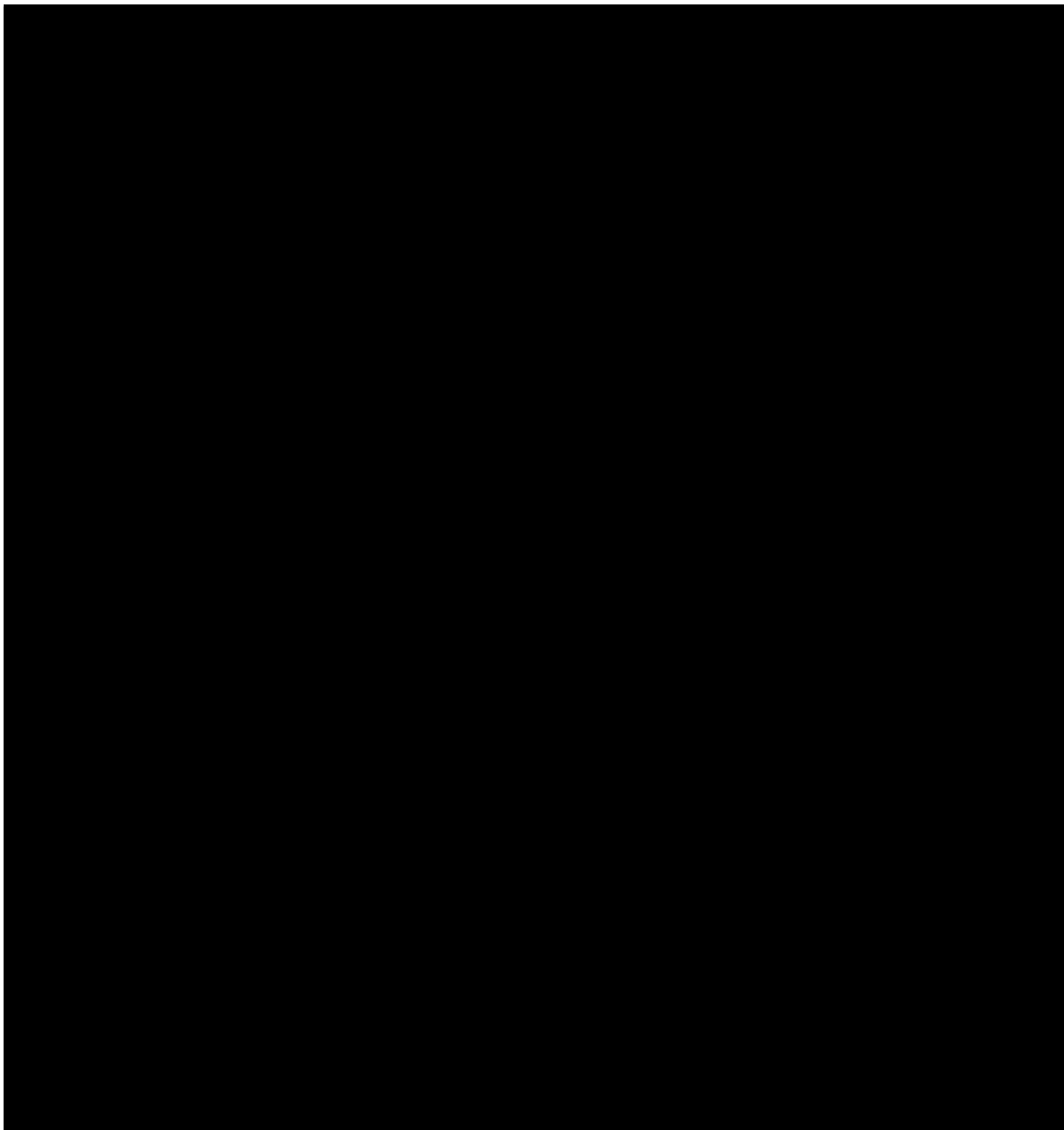
Chris dixon



Humphreys, Nickii

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 December 2014 12:22
To: Viv Young; Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Re: (No subject)

Sent from my HTC



Hi chaps,

copy and paste the template below and send it to
licensing@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

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DEAR LICENSING MANAGER,

I MUST OBJECT MOST SRONGLY TO THE PROPOSED LICENCE FEE INCREASE.

I AM DISSAPOINTED THAT THE COUNCIL HAS RUN WORD ON THE 5 YEAR DEAL
WE HAD IN JANUARY 2014

THE TAXI INDUSTRY HAS NEVER BEEN SO QUIET,

TAXIS HAVE NOT HAD A RISE SINCE 2010, AND WE ARE STRUGGLING TO MAKE
ENDS MEET.

THE JOB DOES NOT PAY A MINIMUM WAGE, ANY MORE RISES WILL PUT MORE
DRIVERS ON BENEFIT LADDER

PRINT NAME

Farhad joolae

BADGE OR PLATE NUMBER

Badge no 265 plate no

39

Tuesday 13th January 0930 at the guildhall be there

Humphreys, Nickii

From: nathan kidby [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 December 2014 17:44
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: Increase Fees

Hi Nickii

This is FTVL/AUTOLEASE official reply to your very high planned increases for the private hire/hackney fees.

Please take this as confirmation that we wish to appeal against the high increases.

Regards

Nathan Kidby

Director



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From: Hasan [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 December 2014 15:33
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Licence fees

- DEAR LICENSING MANAGER,
- I MUST OBJECT MOST SRONGLY TO THE PROPOSED LICENCE FEE INCREASE.
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- THE JOB DOES NOT PAY A MINIMUM WAGE, ANY MORE RISES WILL PUT MORE DRIVERS ON BENEFIT LADDER
- HASAN YILMAZ
- BADGE NO: 230
- PLATE NUMBER :52

Best regards;

Hasan YILMAZ

Humphreys, Nickii

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 05 December 2014 14:38
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Hack Fees

From: Ian [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 December 2014 13:51
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Hack Fees

Dear Sir/Madam,

Just a note to object to the proposed fee hikes which I feel should never have been set at such levels anyway, but to add my complete disillusion of how this side of the transport business is being constantly plucked clean with decision after decision that does not make logical sense,

Further to this I have seen the "offered" figures that this is based on and quite frankly they simply do not add up imo, you may want to be aware that I take an interest in national taxi affairs and two councils are currently facing million pound repayments to drivers who they've been found guilty of overcharging, I personally feel this is opportunist overcharging on your part,

The fact we were steamrollered at the last meeting in the chambers didn't sit very well with myself either, I personally see it that if a department makes a mistake it's down to them, if a retailer advertises a £300 product for £30 due to a typo error they have to by law honour that price, I don't knock people up the next week because I discovered I under quoted a fare so I don't see how you can arrive at the ability to do so,

Now I'm not silly enough to think someone in the licensing department came up with this all by themselves so the licensing staff should not take this e.mail as aimed at them, this appears to me to be the work of either the high level councillors, either way it's grossly unfair on working people who are earning effectively £2ph after running costs and less sometimes, one £3.60ph job doesn't pay for anything and that's about the strength of the average day in Portsmouth for a cabby now, before you say why don't I get another job, whose going to give me a job now at my age and with only "I've been a taxi driver nearly thirty years" on my CV?

It's been brought to my attention that some of these outrageous costing's are due to charging us for compliant phone calls from the public, if this is the case who was it that licensed drivers without the ability to speak fluent English, who aren't local to the area having arrived in the country only weeks beforehand who according to the public that I speak to overcharge on a massive level or simply go the wrong way, I myself only a few months ago picked up two young people from the station and took them to Osbourne Road, my fare was £4.20 iirc, the driver the day before charged £7.50 for the same ride, another driver doing an Aqua fare charged a lady £4ish for a trip from Debenhams town centre to Osbourne Road where she went off her nut at him, when he questioned her she said she'd paid £11 to come to town from the rank outside Palmerston Road earlier, I know it's not easy to prove anything but nothing is done and all the time it goes on the little trade left gets smaller, and I still haven't forgotten the licensing of driver's in their own countries and the need for interpreter's while taking test's in the licensing office, totally unacceptable and utter contempt for the customer's to licensing and it wouldn't happen in any other field where

communication skills are required, I also recognise that there are rotten British driver's as well and that foreign and Asian drivers can be equally as good as a British driver but again nothing is done to protect the honest driver's reputation from opportunist bad driver's, you might want to think about that next time you hear of a foreign driver getting beaten up, 90% of it will be a pre born grudge towards them generated by anti attitudes and the other 10% will be because that driver started a conflict by their own making by going the wrong way or asking for more than the fare should be, you wouldn't know this but how could you you're not out here on the frontline are you?

And finally, you've welched on a very unfair deal anyway which I find appalling behaviour from a local authority so please accept my kind objections to massively inflated fees either now or later.

Regards

Ian Hunter

Badge 534.

Humphreys, Nickii

From: Jerry Lambert [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 December 2014 16:22
To: Viv Young; Licensing Shared Email
Cc: Fuller, David (Cllr); Scott, Eleanor (Cllr); Jonas, Frank (Cllr); Vernon-Jackson, Gerald (Member); Hockaday, Hannah (Cllr); Swan, Julie (Cllr); Ellicome, Ken (Cllr); Ferrett, Ken (Cllr); Mason, Lee (Cllr); Stevens, Les (Cllr); Adair, Margaret (Cllr); Foster, Margaret (Cllr); Smith, Phillip (Cllr); Stockdale, Sandra (Cllr); Potter, Stuart (Cllr); Denny, Alicia (Cllr)
Subject: Licence fees

To whom it may concern,

I would like to place on record my disappointment with the decision by the Licencing department within Portsmouth City Council to renege on the agreement made last year to implement a five year plan for the steady increase of fees for Operators, owners and drivers.

The newly proposed increases will seriously damage myself personally as I had already budgeted for the previously agreed rates.

I, along with my colleague, have a young business (Dovecote Executive Travel Services) in which it has been a real struggle to get it off the ground and the immediate increase of the operators licence from £418 to £700 is likely to have a long term damaging affect on the company.

I really feel as though we have been financially stabbed in the back by the decision made by the people within the council and was astonished to learn that the extra revenue has already been included in the budget even though the increase proposal has not yet been officially agreed.

I would ask you to please rethink your proposed increases as they may have far reaching financial consequences within our industry being an industry that is not exactly flush with money.

I trust I will not be the only Operator/Driver to address the matter but would appreciate acknowledgement of the above points and hope that in January's meeting you will have a better financial strategy to propose.

Yours Faithfully,

Jerry Lambert
Dovecote Executive Travel Services

Humphreys, Nickii

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 01 December 2014 12:14
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Proposed Increase In Private Hire Fees

From: Josephine Carse [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 December 2014 11:53
To: Licensing Shared Email
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Proposed Increase In Private Hire Fees

To whom it may concern

In such obviously austere and difficult financial times, we do not understand how PCC can renege on a five year incremental agreement and insist on a one off payment at such short notice. We understand that there has to be an increase but because of the extremely difficult trading conditions we do not consider PCC's latest stance to be fair and reasonable.

From Clive Carse and Josephine Maxwell-Carse

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 December 2014 05:31
To: Licensing Shared Email; Hockaday, Hannah (Cllr); Ellcome, Ken (Cllr); Adair, Margaret (Cllr); Ferrett, Ken (Cllr); Foster, Margaret (Cllr); Fuller, David (Cllr); Jonas, Frank (Cllr); Mason, Lee (Cllr); Potter, Stuart (Cllr); Scott, Eleanor (Cllr); Smith, Phillip (Cllr); Stevens, Les (Cllr); Stockdale, Sandra (Cllr); Swan, Julie (Cllr); Vernon-Jackson, Gerald (Member)
Subject: Letter to Portsmouth City Council regarding the licence fee increase

Dear whom it may concern,

I have been working in the taxi industry under Portsmouth City Council for almost 15 years now. I am aware that due to inflation and other economic factors the price of most products and services increase every year. Unfortunately for us taxi drivers that are licenced under Portsmouth city council, our earnings decrease accordingly. I can speak for most of us when I say that we are all going through a hard time as a result of government austerity plans, the rising unemployment rates, spending cuts and benefit cuts.

Now I am fully aware that our Central Government have reduced the council budget. And as a result, you (the council) had decided to push that cost on us (the taxi drivers) by increasing the prices of the licence badge/plate and its renewal fees, which we not only require to continue retaining our employment status but also to simply carry on doing our job. You had not given us a reasonable justification as to why you had been pushing these costs onto us, and frankly to say the least it is very much extortionate. As the council, shouldn't you be fighting for our welfare rather than destroying it.

As the market for our service grows, it only seems to get harder to make a reasonable earning. To add to this only a couple years ago the council had suggested that taxi drivers push this cost onto the consumer by raising fare prices. Not only would this have incredibly dissatisfied our customers but almost definitely decrease the demand for the service we provide. How can the council expect us to pay increasing licencing fees and deal with decreasing demand? We, the people who live and work in Portsmouth entirely depend on our jobs to provide for ourselves, our families and our community. We have tried our best as of yet to do our part by refusing your request to increase fare prices. The question we have for you is whether you are committed to do your part in helping us help the consumers by keeping prices low, whilst saving the welfare of the people who provide the service.

On behalf of the people I speak for, we think the council must review this request they have given us, and the decisions they have implemented in terms of raising licence badge & plate renewal prices. We ask this because following our agreement upon a 5 year plan with the council back in January 2014 we have seen nothing done as of yet related to the matter. It is now in general debate as to whether anything is being done at all to deal with such problems.

Lastly I just want to touch upon the matter of trust. I think we must work to retain the trust between the council and the community. This is very important to us because you are the people who represent us and our city and it is of utmost importance, that we can place trust into your hands to make the right decisions, not just for yourselves but for everyone. I hope the council can take the contents of this letter into consideration and make the right decisions for everyone.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this.
Kind Regards

Khaled Nazrul Islam
PCC Hackney Carriage Driver
Badge No 172

Humphreys, Nickii

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 December 2014 17:44
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: letter from lewis grady:

Hi Nickii,

Letter from Lewis Grady

Thanks
viv

From: Lewis Grady [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 December 2014 08:26
To: vivyoung1976@gmail.com
Subject: RE:

Yes mate of course. I hope it helps.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE:
Date: Wed, 10 Dec 2014 07:20:10 +0000

Lewis are you ok if I forward this excellent letter to the licensing manager, we then get a response to ensure that has been received ?????

From: Lewis Grady [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 December 2014 22:39
To: geraldvj@gmail.com; cllrswan@outlook.com; cllr.sandra.stockdale@portsmouthcc.gov.uk;
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[REDACTED]
Subject:

Lewis Grady
129 Eastern Road
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08/12/14

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to make my objections about the proposed increase for a Hackney Badge. I like most people probably expect that fees will go up by £5-£10 per year, but to increase them by 100% feels like a crushing blow to an already desperate trade.

What makes anyone at the council think that we the Taxi Drivers have the spare cash to pay this amount is truly beyond me. I wonder if anyone at the council involved with making this decision actually has been a Taxi Driver recently? If not it might be an idea if they tried it for a few weeks so's they could make an informed decision. I think that they would be truly surprised and astonished at how bad it actually is at this moment to be a Hackney Driver in Portsmouth. If it would not be a surprise to learn this why ask us for such an increase, it defies both logic and empathy from a supposedly understanding council.

Why is there such a massive debt anyway? Who was it that oversaw such an appalling state of affairs to allow a debt of this size, (I'm assuming it is big), to develop? What has this person or persons had to say for themselves? Are they contributing financially to the debt? Has the debt been caused by the Hackney trade if so can someone please explain how?

Why didn't the debt get shared equally by the whole taxi trade? There are many PH drivers in the city now who all buy their badges from the licensing department, I don't know why there has to be such a massive difference in the cost of our badges? Or is the plan to increase the cost of a PH badge next year?

It could be suggested that the council are almost trying to push everyone towards being a PH driver. I personally feel that more could be done for the Hackney's in terms of creating the opportunity for Hackney Drivers to earn their money. For example at the city's main hospital there isn't even a rank. There is however a free phone for a PH company, but no rank. People are not even given the choice, its PH or nothing it seems.

It is also my understanding that there are not even enough spaces at the ranks we have in Portsmouth for all the Hackney Cabs, which seems laughable but in reality its not joke at all.

There is no advertising for the Hackney cabs either, which may seem a strange thing to say but when you pick young people up and talk them and they tell you that they aren't even aware that they can flag a Taxi down it has to may you think. They have probably grown up with the mobile telephone and PH companies at their finger tips, considering this important issue I can't help but worry about the future of the hackney trade in general.

The proposed Northern Quarter development which should give hope an encouragement to everyone in the city and does for many I'm sure. Until that is you hear that we will not be allowed to use some bus lane that will be in or around the new development suggests an all too familiar attitude towards the Hackney Cab Driver.

It almost feels like someone in charge has a real problem with the Hackney trade. I'd like to think that this isn't the case but on the other hand what are we as Taxi Drivers to gain from paying off what could be argued to be someone else's incompetence. Will there be more rank spaces created perhaps, or better policing of bus lanes, better prevention of pirating by PH drivers, increased advertising? All things which really should not need to be remedied but in reality are probably long overdue. I feel that the status quo for a number of years now, has been to just let all these problems exist, why I'm not sure. I generally think there is a quiet acceptance that things are bad and are not going to be made any better by moaning about it. However this proposed increase has awoken something within a lot people, myself included.

A lot of people recognise that HC is more expensive than a PH vehicle, however what I am also lead to believe is that our fares are actually one of the lowest in the UK. If this is true then this might be a good

starting point for any advertising/marketing campaign. I don't think I can actually remember when we had a fare increase, not that there would be great deal of good in having one at this precise moment. Especially if we are trying to entice more people into the Taxis in the first place, it could make it even harder to make a living instead of lining the pockets.

I wonder how would a council member might try to persuade a person to become a Hackney Cab Driver in their Wonderful Waterfront City? Flexible working hours – Not really pretty much every waking hour you have needs to be eating, sleeping or working, otherwise you'll fall behind on your pay in. Good pay – joke right? Customers are friendly, happy, polite and always pay their fares – in some other parallel universe perhaps.

The advice I would personally give to anyone thinking of becoming a Hackney Cab Driver at this particular moment is don't bother, just go and sign on instead it's probably where we will all be in the end anyway.

I am also receiving a high number of complaints about foreign drivers (that is to say drivers not from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland). People often complain that the driver didn't know where they were going, a particular road or area. Apparently one driver wasn't even aware that Cosham existed? How did this person pass a geography test.

When I hear stories like this and sadly there are too many to list hear I can not help but feel that more should be being done by the people giving out the badges to ensure that the people they are giving the badges to are fit and proper people for the job. That is to say they can converse in a reasonable level of English so that they are able to ask for and understand directions. As well as this they also are supposed to have a good knowledge of the Portsmouth area.

I believe that these levels of understanding both the English language and the Portsmouth area are supposed to be the norm for a Portsmouth Taxi Driver but again being a realist I feel that it sadly is no longer the case. I also believe that our trade suffers greatly because of this. I would like to see tighter control and better education by the council for any driver who needs it, before they let them get behind the wheel, so to speak. Ultimately the council give out the all of the badges and when they do in my opinion they are saying that this particular driver, whoever they are is 100% competent and they are able to do the job to the high standard demanded by Portsmouth City Council and expected by the people of Portsmouth.

What I find most deplorable about this whole situation is that the agreement which was reached between our trade representatives and the council was apparently not an agreement at all, well not in the eyes of our council at least. An interesting tactic with general elections coming up next year as well. I was always taught that when you shake on something that's it sorted. I won't change my attitude because of this but I do have to question the morals of the people who have in essence gone back on their word. We live and learn, apparently.

Who stands to gain from all of this I wonder, PH perhaps, the council for certain I think, the reputation of Portsmouth as a City and the Hackney Cab Trade in general - not in anyway I can possibly imagine.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, if you have of course. I would like for it to be noted that at all times the staff I have dealt with in the licensing department have always acted in a kind and courteous manner towards me.

My kindest regards

Lewis Grady Hackney Badge Number 210.

Sent from Windows Mail

Humphreys, Nickii

From: Mehmet Kirmizioglu [REDACTED]
Sent: 08 December 2014 14:33
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: hcv renewal fee increases

Today I found out that portsmouth city council increasing the renewal fees for hackney carriage drivers. Vehicle licencing and extension up by more than%50 and badge renewal by %100!!! 6 months extension for £520???!!!

I checked piravate hire fees and they are only moderately increased like by less than %10. Price hikes for hackney drivers are outrageous! Is that because you think we are making more money than private hire drivers? I assure you we are not!

Mehmet Kirmizioglu
Badge: 337



MRS J BALDWIN

PLATE 31

RE RISE IN HACKNEY CARRIAGE RATES

Sir,
The intended rise as advertised in the News is beyond believe, and the Committee is not living in the real world, thinking this level of increase is acceptable.

In the end, if this is passed, it is the Council that will loose out, as it will force drivers to give up, and outo benefits, as the work rate at the moment is nil !!

Please register my complaint

Humphreys, Nickii

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 December 2014 23:33
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: LICENSING FEE INCREASE

Dear licensing manager

I must object most strongly to the proposed licence fee increase.

I am disappointed that the council has run word on the 5 year deal we had in January 2014. The taxi industry has never been so quiet, taxis have not had a rise since 2010 and we are struggling to make ends meet.

The job does not pay a minimum wage anymore rises will put more drivers on the benefit ladder.

PLATE NUMBER 55
MOHAMMED SALIM MIAH

Humphreys, Nickii

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 December 2014 11:32
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Licence Fee

With ref.propossed licence fee increese I wold like to strongly oppose the proposal. This increesed fee will lead economic burdrn fordrivers and vehicle owners . So please withdraw this increesed licensing fee
Shaju Devassia
Plate 240

Sent from my 4G Ready Samsung Galaxy S4 on Three

Humphreys, Nickii

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 08 December 2014 10:44
To: Humphreys, Nickii; Lee, Ross; Stone, Derek
Subject: FW: licensing fees

From: Viv Young [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 December 2014 23:32
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: licensing fees

Dear Councillors,

I feel I must strongly object to the variation of licensing fees, approved by the licensing committee on 21st November.

We had a trade meeting with PCC licensing and auditors, all in attendance were unanimous in supporting the option of the 5 year deal.

We are fully aware that PCC has to make savings, hence why the trade fully endorsed the agreement we had in January this year.

It leaves a very bitter taste in ones mouth after PCC literally "RUN WORD", on a deal.

You have about 1200 -1400 licensed drivers of taxi and PH vehicles who are not exactly singing your praises

We are supposedly the ambassadors to our city, it is far better for all to be working together.

The Portsmouth taxi industry is struggling at the moment with a large number of drivers receiving housing and or council tax benefit.

The last taxi fare rise was December 2010 (4 years ago), PH fares are some of the cheapest in the country, running expenses for taxis has gone up and we have to absorb this.

PCC licensing committee, **MAKE THE RIGHT/MORAL DECISION REVERT TO THE 5 YEAR DEAL**

Regards

Viv young

HCV 110

HCB 648

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Humphreys, Nicki](#)
Subject: Licence Fees Increase
Date: 22 December 2014 23:49:45

Dear Mrs Humphreys

I wish to object to the proposed large increase in the cost of Hackney Carriage Drivers badge fees and Hackney Carriage plate fees.

I have been in the trade for over 40 years and have seen a lot of changes in both the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire trade with the implementation of the Miscellaneous Provisions Act and changes of Conditions of Licence which have put additional financial burdens on the taxi trade.

The increase to full cost recovery was agreed at a Licensing Meeting held in January this year and the agreement was that this would be phased in over 5 years yet, after only 1 year, the committee has now reneged on this decision and is asking for immediate full cost recovery.

Such substantial hikes in the various licensing fees for our trade can, and will, have additional, and possibly severe, financial impact on the whole trade.

Yours sincerely

Barrie Holmes

Hackney Carriage Plate No 68

Sent from Samsung tablet

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Humphreys, Nickii](#)
Subject: Licensing Fees Increase
Date: 22 December 2014 23:21:41

Dear Mrs Humphreys

I would like to register my objection to the proposed licensing fee increase. It is a big disappointment that, despite an agreement made and voted on at a Licensing Committee meeting of January this year, the present Licensing Committee has seen fit to override this decision and insist that the full rise in Licence Fees be implemented immediately.

The Taxi trade has never been so quiet and a lot of drivers and owners are struggling to make a reasonable living, in fact many of them do not even earn the minimum wage once their fuel and all overheads are paid so any rise in fees, let alone such a massive one, could have a severe impact on them.

Because of the recession and the general public all suffering, the taxi trade has not had an increase since 2010 but has had to absorb quite considerable increases in overheads such as insurance and servicing costs yet is expected to be able to absorb yet another cost, their pots are not bottomless!

Yours sincerely
Carolyn Holmes

Sent from Samsung tablet

Humphreys, Nickii

From: Lee, Ross
Sent: 05 January 2015 09:37
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: Licence fee increase

FYI

Ross

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From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 31 December 2014 14:41
To: Lee, Ross
Subject: FW: Licence fee increase

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From: martix953 [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 December 2014 14:33
To: Licensing Shared Email
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Licence fee increase

To whom it may concern.

Please except this email from me (Colin Martin) as a formal objection/complaint regarding the increase in the hackney badge and licence fee. At last years meeting the decision was made that the increase would be made gradually, but now you have run word on your original agreement. These increases are now an extra cost to everyone , drivers and owners alike, and to put this on all of us at a time when the trade is virtually at a standstill and the financial future for a lot of people is unsure, I find cruel and unjust.

I would also like to know what the breakdown of the costs are to warrant such an increase, ie, what it cost licencing per individual licence plate, badge and man hour's in relation, as I am lead to believe this service is supposed to be non profitable.

We have not had an increase in our tariffs since 2010 or there about, yet most things involved in running and keeping a car /taxi on the road have increased tremendously, so to put this on all of us at such a time is I feel so wrong.

I would like to challenge anyone from licencing and the licencing committee to drive a taxi for one month and earn the money and do the hours that we do and the abuse we have to put up with to earn that pittance and tell me at the end of that month that its all worth it. I don't think I would ever hear from you again. You are just adding another financial burden to a hill that is fast becoming a MOUNTAIN.

I would also like to point out that after making some enquiries of my own around various councils, that this increase seems far higher than other increases made by them, for example, Andover pay £150.00 for three years for their badge, and may I say that this is for a dual badge, Hackney and Private hire together.

With all that's going on in parliament at the moment regarding our trade do you not think that its best if all of this is left alone and revert back to the agreement that you previously made with us, after all is that previous agreement not legal and binding.

Yours sincerely,

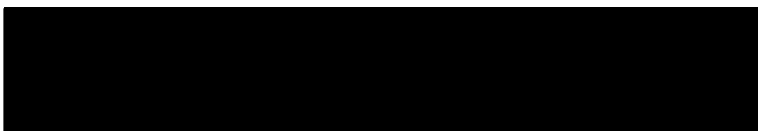
Colin Martin,
PI. 49 .

Humphreys, Nickii

From: Ali [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 January 2015 15:28
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Request

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:



- DEAR LICENSING MANAGER,
- I MUST OBJECT MOST SRONGLY TO THE PROPOSED LICENCE FEE INCREASE.
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Ali cheraghi
Badge number: 134
Plate number: 94

Humphreys, Nickii

From: Licensing Shared Email
Sent: 29 December 2014 08:35
To: Humphreys, Nickii
Subject: FW: licensing fee increase

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 December 2014 16:59
To: Licensing Shared Email
Cc: Hockaday, Hannah (Cllr)
Subject: licensing fee increase

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BADGE NO: 254
PLATE NO: 197

Humphreys, Nickii

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 24 December 2014 14:30
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: hackney carriage fees

Dear sir /madam

We Barry Cole h/c plate 42 and h/c badge 698 and Sally Cole h/c plate 42 and h/c badge 723 , both disagree with this astronomical increase , and lack of notification and clarity about this subject from the licensing department
Kind regards barry and sally

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 December 2014 09:28
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: increase in hackney licensing fees

Dear sir or madam

I would like to object to the enormous increase in the licensing fees as we had an agreement last year which we all adhered to but now you have decided to go back to the original proposal , I think this is not sustainable as i am not able to budget for this with such short notice so i am wholly against it and am voicing my objections now so please take note.

yours sincerely Robert Squires

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 December 2014 09:59
To: Licensing Shared Email
Subject: Licence fee

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- PLate 06

Dear Licensing Manager,

Some of the signatories on this list are not confident enough to write to you in English, if they wrote or emailed you in their mother tongue, PCC would then have the task of translating.

We the undersigned wish to register an objection to the variation of licensing fees as advertised in the local press on 27th November 2014.

All the signatories on this list are vehemently against the immediate total cost recovery.

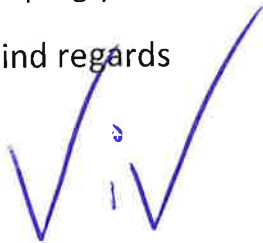
The taxi trade accepted the 5 year deal in January this year, and they feel let down by PCC on this matter. We note that the licence fees for vehicles have risen massively and in the case of HC drivers badge has risen by 100%. We have been informed that drivers badge increase does not have to be advertised

A high percentage of licensed drivers in Portsmouth receive housing and council tax benefit, proposed large increases in licence fees will exacerbate this situation. Over the course of a week, after expenses they do not receive the minimum wage.

They are operating in Portsmouth, and would expect our council to be supporting local businesses.

Hoping you will reconsider the decision you made on 21st November 2014

Kind regards



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Adnan Hamid		408	124	
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Dave Weber		926 th	287	
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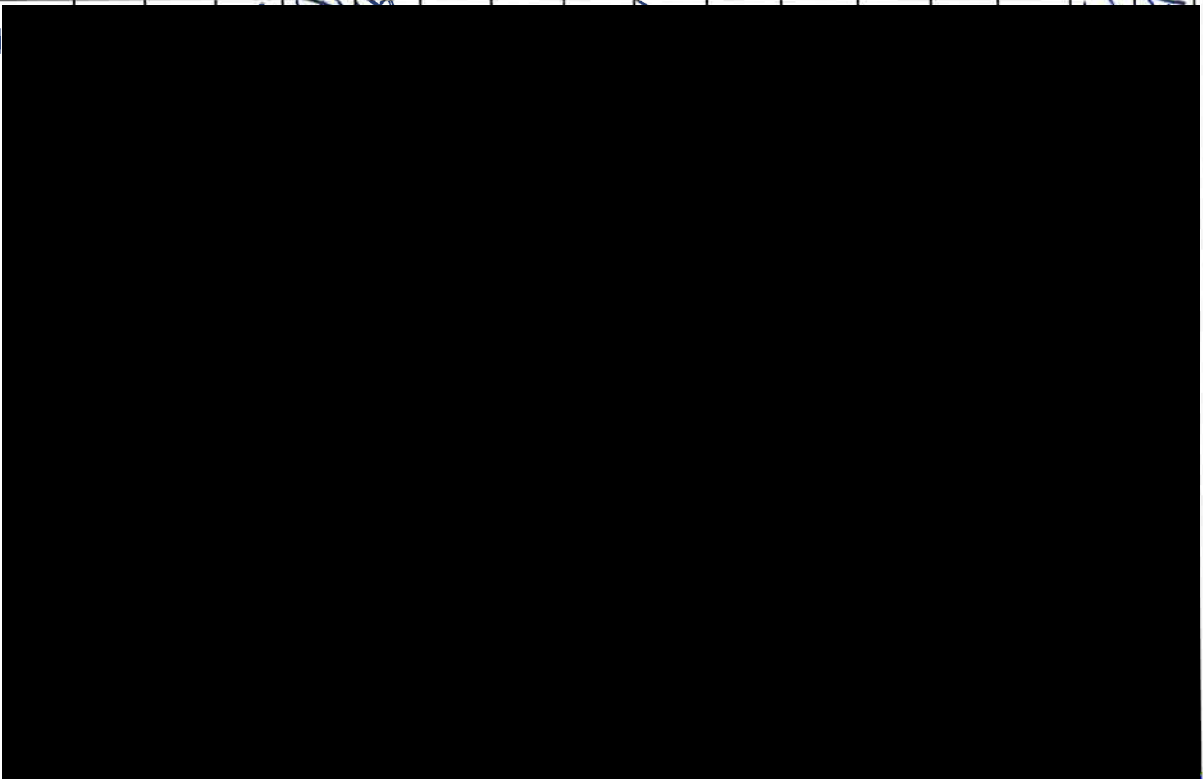
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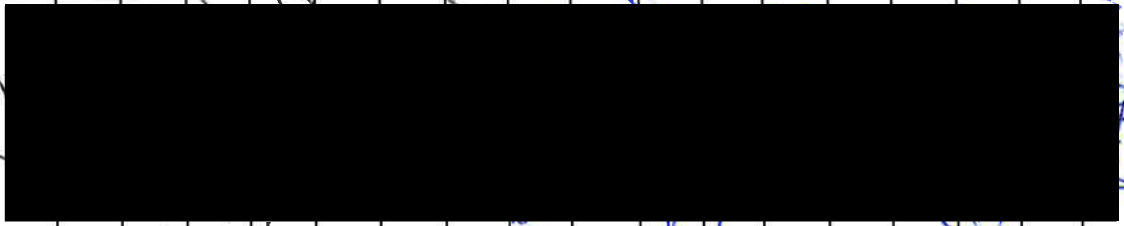



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R. DICKSON		562	68	
M. HILLARY		346	123	
B. ISLAM		84	97	
A. ELCONTE		132	132	
J. Rooney		401	25	
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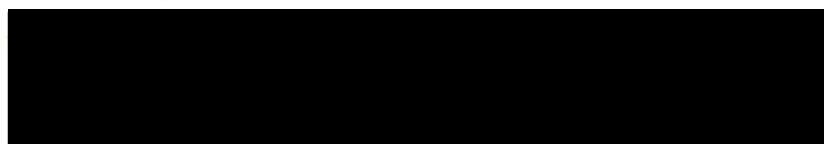
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