

## Informal Consultation Responses

### Comments received from Taxi Trade regarding Taxi Fare Review

#### Reduction of the current taxi fares

"I would say rates are a bit high at the moment and are actually discouraging members of the public to use taxis, in fact numerous companies around Elgin and Moray are discounting fares and returning to the old fares".

#### Keeping taxi fares the same

##### **Comment 1**

"We are happy with the current fare structure".

##### **Comment 2**

I would strongly urge against any increases in the current tariff, save for the soiling charge being revised to £150. The previous increase, although the first for many years, was an enormous one, and another increase is certainly not justified in my opinion. Indeed, some firms are heavily discounting fares in some instances, almost down to previous prices. It will be interesting to see if they push for another increase in order that they can seemingly squeeze smaller operators further.

#### Further Proposals

##### **Comment 1**

"I think that the meter prices and the council rates should be automatically raised by 5% each year this way would be fair to everyone the customers wouldn't see a 33.3% price rise and freak out the council will see more income as will the taxi trade also the start rates should be altered to

Rate 1 £3.50

Rate 2 £4.50

Rate 3 £5.50

Rate 4 £5.50

Rate 6 £6.50

1/10th mile should remain at 30p

Waiting time should be £25 per hour

The fouling charge should be £125 and strictly enforced by the police".

##### **Comment 2**

"The soiling charge should be revised to £150"