

## Essential Reference Paper 'C'

Responses in **support** of a variation in the table of fares:

1. I suggest the flag rate 1-4 should increase by £1.
2. My feelings on this subject are that it should be increased & more importantly should be automatically reviewed on a regular basis involving the trade as deemed necessary. In view that the last increase was made effective from 11 Jan. 2011 & that even the lowly paid nurses/civil servants managed a 1% annual increase during the same period, compounded this would probably be around a 10% figure over a 7 year period. Therefore I think that bringing in the Rates 1/2/3 by a 10% increase (i.e. Rate 1 start at £3.30, Rate 2 £4.40 etc.) would not be unreasonable especially as this wouldn't come into play at the earliest until the start of 2018. The incremental amounts could either stay as is or have a small increase, but I would avoid the total fares at any stage running at less than 10p units, as change is becoming an issue in certain areas.
3. Taxi Fares. Our position is on record. We consider that Taxi Fares should be REVIEWED annually and that any increases should be considered in context of that annual review. We believe an upward lift in fares is overdue. One notable area of concern is the level of idling/waiting time as roads become more congested and this should be addressed as part of a comprehensive tariff review.
4. Thank you for giving us opportunity to draw your attention to the fare increase. Please increase the fare as the cost of living has gone up and running cost of taxi including fuel, maintenance and other expenses has gone up. The minimum fare should be at least 4 pounds on rate one. Sometimes we have to wait for an hour to get a job. The minimum wage is going up yearly but the fare is same.

5. I would like to have a Taxi fare increase. I suggest that the flag rate is increased on Rate 1 to at least £4.00, with no increase on distance. Rate 2 should be increased to at least £5.50 on the flag rate, and no increase on distance.
6. As for the increase in the fairs I would like to suggest a 50p on each flag.
7. If there is too much of a worry about fares being increased too much for the day time, at least make the fares for rate 2 be fare and ½. i.e. every job done after 22:00 loses 50p per journey, every journey on rate 3 loses £1, and every job using rate 4 loses £1.20.
8. If enough agree to a price rise for all tariffs my suggestion would to only increase the start fare

Rate1: £3 to £3.20

Rate2: £4 to at least £4.40

Rate3: £5 to at least £5.60

Rate4: £6.80 to at least £7.50

Responses **against** a variation in the table of fares:

1. Regarding the possible increase in the fare tariff, I am against any increase there are too many taxis and not enough work, already we have the additional pressure from companies like uber discounting the fares which make our tariff look expensive. The economy looks uncertain people are cutting back on expenses and not going out as much, any increase in our own operating costs in the short to medium term I think we have to absorb until market conditions become more favourable.