

Proposal 3, Induction Course.

We welcome the induction course which especially the Wheelchair access part which the Council had dropped from the application process, new drivers who intend to work as Hackney Drivers need to know how to put a Wheelchair passenger in properly before they begin work. I assume there will be a test on the Licensing conditions and legislation framework, as there is now.

Proposed 4, Three-year Drivers Licences.

We welcome the 3 year licences as an option, there are many drivers who would still prefer a 1 year licence due to the uncertain nature of the job at present, though you have identified that some may want to retire so the length of licence can be adjusted, but do you intend that this has to be a single years notice on the licence and no more. We feel that the driver should have a choice between a one-year or a three year licence.

Now here is the thing that all drivers don't understand and that is why is a three year licence so expensive, it surely doesn't cost much more to issue a one year licence as it does a three year one, we need to know exactly how the licensing Department at the Council have come up with this figure. A survey of the Licensing Authorities that border Trafford shows the following costs for new/renewal of a three-year licence,

Authority	New		Renewal	
	HC £220	PH £251	HC £108	PH £125
Salford	£180		£118	
Cheshire East	£179		£179	
Cheshire West	£100		£175	
Warrington	£67		£158	
Stockport				

Excludes DBS and Medical costs, Salford have different cost for Hackney and Private Hire

Manchester has an artificially low cost of £36 at present, after they overcharged their drivers, so has not been included here, though a new application for a Hackney Taxi Driver is £144.

All substantially cheaper than the proposed amount Trafford wants to charge.

Also the new application price are equally much higher than elsewhere, with an average of £150, (trimmed mean £153), which doesn't encourage new drivers to apply.

We believe that the fees Trafford Council are proposing need to be lower, the average for a renewal about £155, (trimmed mean £150), which is £60 below the proposed fees.

Also the fees charged need to be more competitive to encourage new drivers, since 2011 there has been a drop in Hackney Taxi Drivers of 41 and Private Hire Drivers of 43, with an increase over that period of out of area vehicles working the area, believed to over 100 at present.

We would welcome to introduction of being able to pay for the three-year driver licence fees via direct debit, as there is concern about the scale of the upfront costs involved.

We also suggest that all Hackney Taxi Drivers Licences all be made into dual licences, thus removing a layer of administration and fees payable required by the driver to hold both a Hackney and Private Hire Licence, figures at present show 47 drivers with both licences.

sources

Salford,

<https://www.salford.gov.uk/hire-vehicle-driver.htm>

Cheshire East,

http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/business/licensing/taxi_and_private_hire/joint_driver_licence.aspx

Cheshire West,

http://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/business/licensing_and_permits/taxi_licensing/hackney_and_private_hire_fees.aspx

Warrington,

http://www.warrington.gov.uk/info/200146/licensing/712/taxi_and_private_hire_licensing

Stockport,

http://www.stockport.gov.uk/2013/2994/19672/19716/19718/taxilicensingfees2015_2016

Statistical Data set. Taxis, private hire vehicles and their drivers (TAXI01)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/taxi01-taxis-private-hire-vehicles-and-their-drivers>

Operators Licence

I have also been contacted by perspective Operator Licence Application's, which are worried by the five-year licence, and feel that a one-year should be offered to new applicants, which would help enable them to get established before the large outlay on a five year licence. It has also be put forward that the need for planning permission on operators who operated no more than two vehicles should be removed, also in a view to help them get established.

Operators licences should also benefit from being able to pay by direct debit, this already available to Operators in Stockport.

We the undersigned believe that the proposed fees that Trafford Council are planning for the issue of a three-year Licence for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers are unreasonable.

In our opinion the fees proposed are well above the average fees charged in the immediate surrounding Licensing Authority Districts for the same type of Licence and Trafford Council should reduce the fees they intend to charge.

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N. Bezzant	HO 0425		HO 0362
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	HO 0376		HO 309
	HO 0321	G.B. GOZALAN	HO 42
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M. UMER	PD 1106		PD
HAMAD AHMED	PD 0609		PD
AZMAT KHAN	PD 0470		PD
ABU BAZER AKHALWANA	PD 0222		PD
MUHAMMAD ABID HUSSAIN	PD 0702		PD
MUHAMMAD TALIB	PD 0932		PD
BAHAR HUSSAIN	PD 0271		PD
Adnan	PD 0484		PD
M. RIAZ	PD 1003		PD
R. HURSHID BANA	PD 0486 0486		PD
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Mahmood Ahmad	HO 0699		HO
John Dawson	HO 0600 143		HO
NAVEED AKHAR	HO 0950		HO
David Ashton	HO 0782		HO
Henry Street	HO 0286		HO
GARY BURNETT.	HO 1052		HO
MOHAMMED. HANIF	HO 0032		HO
YAN YAT ANJAWI	HO 186		HO
AYMAN ZACKY	HO 002		HO
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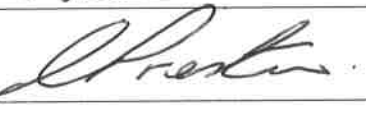

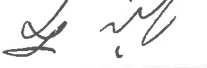
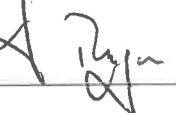
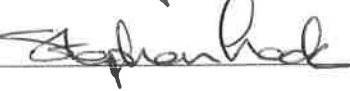




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YASSER ASGHAR	PD 0775.		PD
MOHAMMED ASLAM KHAN	PD 0889.		PD
Taher Hassan Aslam	PD 0911		PD
NABEER.A.ASHRAF	PD 0198		PD
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	HO 0379	B. Murray	HO ²⁹⁴ 25
P. G. 	HO 1018	M. Kazemi	HO 1013
B. Madisreter	HO 0446		HO 836
	HO 1019	Boone	HO 432
	HO 0245		HO 0808
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	HO 440	A. Shaw	HO 0958
	HO 418	 C. J. Cole	HO 287
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Nick Taylor	HO 0488	Grey Head 0216	HO P120 0216
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Boyle, Joanne

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 September 2015 11:58
To: Boyle, Joanne; Freeman, Mike; Mike Whetton; Redirect for Cllr Viv Ward; Marriott, Joe; Veitch, Iain
Subject: Fees

Hello Joanne

I would just like to say that I don't envy LA's dilemma with a three year badge, and five year operators licence, however my concerns are of how you arrive at the figure, IF the starting figure was wrong to begin with. As I stated in the meeting I do not want to labour the issue, but if the base figure is wrong at the start then all subsequent figures will also be inaccurate.

No doubt this will not be taken serious enough for the Authority to rectify this ageing problem, which is now some twenty five years of unexplainable fees.

For the record I know I will not be around in another twenty five years, and would like this issue sorted out once and for all.

Paul Brent (TTODA Chairman)

Boyle, Joanne

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 September 2015 03:51
To: Boyle, Joanne
Subject: RE: Fees and charges
Attachments: objections badge increase.docx

Please find my objections to the increase in badge fees.

Eric Bullock Badge number HD0656

From: Joanne.Boyle@trafford.gov.uk
To: Joanne.Boyle@trafford.gov.uk
Subject: Fees and charges
Date: Fri, 28 Aug 2015 14:08:38 +0000

Please see attached public notice.

Joanne Boyle

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Dear Ms Boyle,

I would like to tender my objection to the proposed licence fee renewals increase on the grounds that the increase appears disproportionate to the amount of work required for its implementation.

I can illustrate this by the following example - If I had a regular fare who went from Sale to Manchester every day paying £15 for each trip, and on one occasion he said to me that he is not going for the next two days I would not be able to charge £45 to compensate for the missing two days as I would quite rightly be brought before the Licensing Committee for overcharging.

With the above statement in mind I cannot understand how the Council feels justified in changing to a three year badge with a cost increase of 252% compared to the cost of a one year badge. A small charge to cover administrative costs would be understandable but not what you are charging. The only thing that will change would be the date on the badge (i.e. from 2017 to 2019) and as further administration in the subsequent years will be lower, in effect we should see lower administrative costs.

Under the Freedom of Information Act I kindly request that the Council provide me, within 20 days, with a breakdown of how the figures for the licence renewal were calculated including a proper and complete breakdown of how the funds raised from the Taxi and Private Hire Trade are spent. I believe this to be a reasonable request and if not granted I would expect a full explanation as to why the Council feels it is unable to provide this information.

Kind regards,

Eric Bullock Badge Number HD0656

Boyle, Joanne

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 20 September 2015 11:20
To: Boyle, Joanne; John connaughton; Licensing
Subject: Operator fee's 1/5Year or just 5 Year???????

I would like to object to the proposal of a 5 year fee replacing a 1 year fee.

I would however not object to an option to the operator to have either a 1 year or a five year fee.

When the proposal originally came out, the one year fee was still on the table and the five year option was going to be added in my view .

Not replace the one year fee!

In my view to be given less than a months notice of my operator renewal and then to be told it is only now available in a five year format is unfair.

I do not have 5 years worth of fee's to hand at present. I do however have my yearly fee benchmarked.

If the one year fee is deleted , so are my wheelchair Minibus's and I need to give Trafford Transport 21 days notice. So they cover the 68 Special needs children that are currently my responsibility.

I do hope this is an oversight and a one year fee is available, hopefully this mistake is a one off.

Could you imagine if council tax, water rates, mortgage payments all suddenly stated that 5 years worth of payments are due in less than a month?

Regards

Mike Brown
I-cabs

[Redacted]

Boyle, Joanne

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 September 2015 12:01
To: Licensing
Subject: 5 YEAR LICENSE

Categories: Joanne

Hi all

with the new proposed 5 year licence due out next month and only 3 weeks notice from Trafford I have the following questions

- 1 if I surrender my license after 12 months do I get a refund ?
- 2 in this economic climate the amount of money some people will have to pay will there be any payment terms ie 12 months to pay
- 3 As you wish my money up front for five years will the operators receive improved standards from Trafford or will there be continued cut backs
- 4 As a operator in Trafford I see the need for more licensing staff to cover the area and operators and licensing to interact, even a quarterly meeting to discuss up and coming changes to the industry ,complaints

many thanks

Colin Rea

(COLIN REA TRANSPORT CRT)

Boyle, Joanne

From: Douglas, Moira
Sent: 21 September 2015 11:24
To: Licensing
Subject: FW: OPERATOR RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

Categories: Joanne

Joanne
Another response
Moira

From: MIKE BEVAN [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 September 2015 11:23
To: Douglas, Moira
Cc: Mike Brown
Subject: Re: OPERATOR RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

Hi Moira,

I wasn't aware that a 5 year operators was mandatory?

I was under the impression that is was in discussion.

Depending on how it will be managed the idea is good, but i would not be happy paying five years fees up front, and if that's the proposal then i will be objecting to it.

Based on

- There isn't enough money in the school contracting budget to pay fees five years in advance
- What happens if you decide not to be an operator before the end of five years, will you refund the money?
- Why should we pay five years in advance we don't pay council tax or water rates etc In advance.

If on the other hand its a five year licence

- IE the paper licence is issued in year 1 and payments collected say by Direct Debit annually then thats saves you a lot of work and could simplify the procedure, i would interested.

Please let me have your thoughts.

Regards

Mike

MJB Travel

On 17 September 2015 at 15:53, Douglas, Moira <Moira.Douglas@trafford.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Operators