

Public responses are listed below. They appear in the order they were received and are unedited other than all references to individual names or taxi companies have been removed

Response 1

All the smaller companies require is the starting rate changed from £2.25 to £2.50 and £2.80 to £3.00 [REDACTED] now own virtually all the big companies and the 5% is on the whole fare , meaning the small independents might just go out of business due to the higher fares, some drivers are only working for £3.00 and hour, and having to work 70 hours or more to make ends meet yet the minimum wage has risen 3 times since our last rise

Response 2

12 pound return on the train to edinburgh and 20 from gala to bannerfield, thankfully driver turned the meter off on the low road i think he was getting embarrassed. Does anyone else think that the that taxi prices are high enough already.

Response 3

I think that the taxi fare are way to high. Aithought my wife and I will take the bus into Peebles for a night out instead of the car, we do get a taxi home as the buses are less frequent in the evenings and I believe that the taxi fares should be reduced to encourage people to use them in the evenings, particularly when having a drink, instead of driving home in there own vehicles

Response 4

Taxis are so important to rural dwellers that I believe they should be encouraged; and that the requested fare increase of 5% should be granted. It's not equitable that they should be expected to continue in business with no compensation for cost increases.

Response 5

Why in any other job you would get a pay rise but in taxi trade we get nothing fuel prices rise taxi test a joke taxi badge price a joke and get nothing for it and now a medical that u have to cover cost of your self

Response 6

I do not accept the Executive Committees decision on various grounds. I don't believe this format allows me a time factor to comment in full so I will be brief. 1: The formula is outdated and does not reflect the true costs of Operating a Licensed Taxi within the Local Authority area. Additionally, there is no access to the formula as it is based within a sealed portal operated by a University. 2: The majority of responders to the Fare Review requested an increase but this was ignored. 3: There was no formal opportunity for the trade to engage in the decision making on the day of the Executive Committees decision. 4: The decision makers have not proved that they have a competent knowledge of the Taxi trade and it is my belief that this lack of knowledge was always going to place the trade in a detrimental position. This is my position in brief