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Pwnc: FW: Ymgynghoriad Prisiau Tacsï 2022 Taxi Prices Consultation

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Subject: Ymgynghoriad Prisiau Tacsï 2022 Taxi Prices Consultation

Good Morning,

I write to express that **I do not agree** with your proposal for the rise in the taxi fares.

The truth is there is no rise - the minimum fare during the day still remains at £3.60.

This is a kick in the teeth to all Gwynedd taxi drivers who have suffered with minimal work during COVID-19 and continued to work on the front line putting their lives at risk during the pandemic.

The cost-of-living crisis is getting worse and worse each passing month. The current inflation level is above 10%. There are talks this week that the minimum wage will increase by around 10% to £10.40 per hour but your proposal does not take this into consideration. There will also be an increase to universal credit payments and pension payments yet Gwynedd taxi drivers are expected to work for less than minimum wage.

We also need to feed our families; many drivers are already looking for other work and are ready to leave the industry. This will have a detrimental effect on the number of drivers available to perform the daily school contracts carrying the county's vulnerable children to and from school. It will also have an effect on people trying to get home after a night out.

It is the responsibility and duty of Gwynedd Council to ensure that we are not pushed into poverty and all drivers are able to make at least the minimum wage.

When tendering on school contracts with Gwynedd Council we must agree to the ethical employment law. This means that all drivers and passenger supervisors performing the work are paid at least the minimum wage. When the cost-of-living crisis started and the cost of fuel increased quickly, Gwynedd Council Education department awarded a 20% increase to all existing contracts in order for ethical employment to be maintained.

Can someone who makes the decisions on how much the taxi fares are explain to me and other taxi drivers in Gwynedd how drivers are meant to make minimum wage after vehicle running costs?

I will give you a breakdown of the current rate.

Minimum Fare	£3.60
Less VAT	-£0.60
	£3.00
Vehicle running costs per mile £0.45. Less 1 mile paid and 1 mile returning to the rank	- £0.90
Balance	£2.10
Balance of fare after costs	£1.05 each between the driver and the taxi company.

In order for a driver to make the new minimum wage of £10.40 per hour the driver would need to make 10 short journeys within the hour. This would be a new customer every 6 minutes for every hour they work. It is not possible to make 10 short journeys every hour. This will be made even more difficult next year when the speed limits are reduced to 20 miles per hour in built up areas.

I propose the minimum fare is increased to £4.00.

We had to wait 8 years for the last rate increase in Gwynedd, please do not make us wait any longer.

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