

APPENDIX C – CONSULTATION RESPONSES – ANNUAL REVIEW OF LICENSING FEES AND CHARGES 2022/23

Response Number	Comment	Cambridge City Council Response
1	<p>If the Council proposes NOT to change its current fees and charges; what is the proposed report actually about (if you don't intend to change anything)?</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>	<p>Cambridge City Council are required to review all our Licensing and associated Fees and Charges on an annual basis. This is within the policy and report is required to go in front of Committee Members to be approved or amended.</p> <p>The report covers all fees and Charges, not only those related to taxi licensing, however taxi fees and charges are required to be consulted on.</p> <p>I hope the above answers your query.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p>
2	<p>Dear Sir or Madam</p> <p>I was interested to read your consultation on taxi licensing fees. I believe that the fees should be increased in line with the consumer prices index, unless there is a clear argument why licensing costs have increased/reduce out of propoprion to this.</p> <p>Yours faithfully</p>	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>Thank you for consultation response.</p> <p>Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in getting back to you.</p>

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		<p>In regards to the below, the Council needs to demonstrate that the fees it charges for taxi licensing fees are set out in accordance with the law and best practice, so as to recover its allowable costs in administering the various licensing regimes for which it is responsible. In line with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, fees should be set so as to avoid either a surplus or a subsidy where possible, and adjusted, if necessary, in succeeding years to achieve and maintain the correct balance.</p> <p>Last year due to the Covid pandemic and the impact it is had on the many businesses including the taxi trade, it was agreed by Members to maintain the 2020 fees and charges for 2021/2022. As this has proved to be an ongoing situation, we are proposing no changes to be made again for the financial year 2022/2023.</p> <p>If in subsequent years, we identify there has been a surplus or a subsidy caused by maintaining the fees and charges, fees and charges will be</p>
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		<p>adjusted as to achieve the correct balance.</p> <p>I hope the above provides you further details as to why we are proposing the no change again this year.</p> <p>Please advise if you would like to proceed with your objection or withdrawal in light of the above information.</p>
<p>3 (response to council response for no. 2 response)</p>	<p>Dear Wangari Njiiri</p> <p>Thank you for your email. Most other businesses that are affected by COVID still have to pay increased costs despite this, so no, I wouldn't feel it appropriate to withdraw my objection.</p> <p>The normal way to support taxi drivers would be to allow them to increase the fees they charge, but that doesn't fall within the scope of the consultation.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Hi just a quickie,</p> <p>Thank you for this consideration, I'm not so sure we're into calm waters yet, so anything that can help if good help for the trade!</p> <p>Kind Regards</p>	<p>Acknowledgement E-mail sent</p>