

**Responses to the Consultation under Section 70 (1) of the Local Government
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, About a Proposed Variation to the Schedule of Fees
for Hackney Carriage Vehicles, Private Hire Vehicle and Private Hire Operators.**

Respondent	Comments	Officer Response
Resident	<p>Thank you for consulting on the licencing fees.</p> <p>My feedback is in what way does this fee structure assist the Council in meeting its climate change emergency action for the district as a whole?</p> <p>The council should be radical and implement a licencing structure where zero emission taxis hackney carriages etc have a zero rated licence fee and the rating for other vehicles should be aligned so the biggest polluting vehicles pay the most.</p>	<p>The Licensing Fees have been set on a cost recovery basis. This means that Officers have calculated the average time spent on processing these fees and hence the cost of delivering them.</p> <p>All Public Protection Fees are set on a cost recovery basis.</p> <p>Should Members be minded to adjust the fee structure as proposed by the respondent the cost of this subsidy will have to be met by West Berkshire Council.</p> <p>Any proposal put forward should be time limited and would need to be clearly defined. The report includes some suggestions.</p>
Resident	<p>My comment is that, WBC having declared a climate emergency, they should incentivise taxi companies to move their fleets to EVs. There should be zero charge for 100% electric taxis. If necessary the charges for petrol and diesel vehicles could be adjusted upwards to compensate.</p>	<p>The Licensing Fees have been set on a cost recovery basis. This means that Officers have calculated the average time</p>

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