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The Licencing Committee,

I am writing to you to formally complain about the proposed increases in licensing and vehicle testing fees. The proposed figures bare no relation to the present economic climate and are not consistent with other Cheshire East budgets.

As part of the ongoing consultation between the Licensing committee and the taxi trade I would like to see a breakdown of the proposed figures to see how the numbers were arrived at, without having any access to your accounts, it is difficult to understand increases of 43% and 172%, these seem to be, bewildering.

As Cheshire East forms and the centralisation of local government begins its new regime of efficiency, can you please explain how clerical staff will take three times longer to process an application form than they do now? How else could you arrive at such figures? Is the taxi test going to be any more stringent than it already is? And therefore take two hours longer to complete?

Then how else can you explain or justify such increases?

Yours faithfully