

RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM MUIRIS MAG UALGHAIRG
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Dear committee members

It was with interest that I read of your report on the BBC's website. I am writing to ask if you could consider the high price of transport in Cardiff. I do not drive and my fiancée (who does drive) and I managed to resist the temptation to get a car.

I am committed to using a bike and public transport, however it is now so expensive to use buses in Cardiff (the most expensive service which I have ever come across - and I have used lots of public transport in the UK), that it is cheaper for three or four people to share a taxi than it is for them to use the bus service. This has led to my fiancée buying a car - another one to sit on a Cardiff street and clogging it up.

Also the leg room allowed for passengers by Cardiff bus is considerably smaller than that of any other service I have used - one only has to catch a non-Cardiff bus from say Newport or Swansea to see the difference.

It is interesting that Cardiff bus's prices are so high and that it is also owned by the local council which also sets the taxi rates (which one driver recently described to me as being far too high - it is cheaper for people to use their own cars rather than use a combination of Taxis and public transport).

I would urge all members of the committee to catch the bus to various parts of Cardiff and ask yourself was the price fair for a service aimed at getting people around - then do similar journeys in London or anywhere else. When you have the results I fear you will understand why your efforts to encourage public transport are doomed in the largest conurbation in Wales!

Yours
Muiris