

Dear sir

I suggest that the only form of fare rating is based entirely on income and therefore a local income tax should be introduced.

The could be collected by the inland revenue and the rate collection agency could be abolished.

It would automatically abolish rates arrears as it would be collected at source.

Yes the self employed are a problem, they always are, but the total take from that sector can be totaled and divided by the number of self employed and made a base rate for all self employed.

I have a house worth over 200k but I earn £250 per week and I pay £1000 in rates. All I get is a bin emptied for that. Give me the option and I will leave my excess packaging at the super market, buy only recyclable goods and compose my remaining waste and pay no rates. If I have that option. Let's mark self government in Northern Ireland by some innovative legislation, on a par with the southern smoking ban. Let us make local income tax work.