

Dear Sir,

I write to express my view that the current 'Rates' system is grossly unjust and for the following reasons.

The present system, which I believe to be both outdated and archaic, does as I understand it, apportion charges according to the value of a property without cognisance of the numbers of persons dwelling in the property or their income.

This results in the single occupant paying the same tax as the multi-occupancy (multi-income) situation which is unreasonable and without logic. The need for a radical review is therefore to be welcomed.

It is people who use services, generate refuse and waste, not bricks and mortar.

The burden of raising council revenue ought to be spread in a more equitable way so that those who use the services pay for them according to their incomes.

The only fair way is a Poll Tax based on income, this is the method used by central government to raise taxes and has proved to be a generally accepted system.

The current system is both unjust and unfair and I would ask for your help in formulating a more acceptable one.