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Fwd: Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy Review3 messages

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Would planning want to look at this?

Kind regards,

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From: **Paul Hughes** <Paul.Hughes@waverley.gov.uk>
Date: Thu, 26 Nov 2020 at 17:11
Subject: Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy Review
To: Taxi Licensing <taxi@waverley.gov.uk>

Dear Consultee,

Waverley Borough Council

Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy Review

Public Consultation 26 November 2020 to 17 January 2021

As a party with an interest in the operation of the Waverley Taxi and Private Hire trades, we are pleased to consult with you on an updated draft Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Policy- see attached.

The updated policy is based upon the 'National Standards' released by the Department for Transport on 21 July 2020 and changes recommended by officers.

The main changes to the proposed draft policy are:

Joint Warranting

- Authorisation of enforcement functions to other Surrey Licensing Authorities to enable improved enforcement across the county.

Whistle Blowing

- Website Link to Waverley Borough Council's Whistle Blowing Policy.

For Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers

- That drivers are required to sign up to the DBS update service and for 6 monthly check on the record for any new conviction or other relevant information to improve public safety and confidence.
- That drivers are required to 'self-report' any arrest, charges or conviction within 48 hours (we currently require notification within 7 days)
- The automatic refusal to an applicant on the barred list to improve public safety and confidence.
- That all decisions to refuse or revoke a driver's licence will be added onto the National Register of Refusals and Revocations (NAFN), and will provide details of the reasons for each decision to another licensing authority following receipt of the necessary data sharing request.
- The Institute of Licensing's (IOL) Convictions Policy has replaced previous Convictions Policy

Licensed Vehicles

- From 01 April 2021 Waverley will not accept any new applications for vehicles that have been written off by an insurance company
- From 01 April 2021 a vehicle submitted for a new vehicle application for licence must be under 3 years old from date of first registration. Once licensed a vehicle may continue to be licensed up to the 7th anniversary of first registration. Once any vehicle reaches 5 years of age, it becomes subject to 6-monthly tests.
- From January 2023 a vehicle will not be licensed if it is 7 years old or more from date of first registration
- From 1 January 2023 a vehicle submitted, for a new application, to licence must be an Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV), as defined by the Vehicle Certification Agency.

<https://www.vehicle-certification-agency.gov.uk/fcb/ulev.asp>.

- From 01 January 2030 Waverley will only accept new applications and renewals for vehicles which are ULEV.
- Rear and side window tinting will be reduced from the current requirement of 70% light transmission to 22% requirement which will allow for darker tinted windows.
- Applicants for Vehicle Proprietors licence are subject to a 'fit and proper' test and will require a basic criminal records check (DBS)
- Introduction of signage bearing the words 'Licensed Private Hire Vehicle – This vehicle must be pre-booked' shall be displayed on each front door of private hire vehicles.
- Clarification that applications to licence a stretched limousines will be referred to committee for consideration.
- Refusal of vehicles in the same colour livery of a neighbouring council.

For Licensed Private Hire Operators

- The introduction of a basic Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) for any PHO Directors, not just proprietors as currently, and previous convictions policy, as part of our drive to improve public safety and confidence.
- Requirement that a change of Directors to be notified to Waverley in writing within 7 days.
- Operators (and applicants) must have and be able to provide a policy on employing offenders
- Operator Staff: All staff employed by the operator must be regularly vetted by the operator, and a record of this maintained for each employee. Vetting must include ensuring the staff are fit and proper persons with the right to live and work in the UK.
- A register must be kept of all staff who will take bookings/despatch vehicles.
- The prohibition on the use of Passenger Carrying Vehicles(PCV) licensed drivers – drivers must be licensed Private Hire Drivers
- Additional information that an operator must keep in respect of every booking.
- That operators are required to 'self-report' any arrest, charges or conviction within 48 hours (we currently require notification within 7 days)

CCTV (NOT INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT POLICY)

Whilst not in the draft policy Waverley would also like to get your comments regarding the introduction of a CCTV policy for licensed vehicles.

CCTV can provide a safer environment for the benefit of taxi and private hire passengers and drivers.

Do you believe that there are local circumstances which indicate that the installation of CCTV in vehicles would have a positive net effect on the safety of taxi and private hire vehicle users including children or vulnerable adults and taking into account potential privacy issues?

Public Consultation

Public consultation will take place from **Wednesday 26 November 2020 until midnight on Sunday 17 January 2021.**

We are keen to receive feedback from all stakeholders with an interest in the licensed trade, so please do take the time to submit your views both on the draft policy and CCTV in licensed vehicles by email to taxi@waverley.gov.uk by midnight on Sunday 17 January 2021.

Please also feel free to share this consultation with anyone you feel may be interested.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the changes then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks and Regards,

Paul Hughes

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I'll forward it to all councillors and stick it on the Planning agenda for January just in case!

With kind regards

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Please see email from WBC about another public consultation they are running, this time in relation to Taxi and Private Hire trades.

I will put this on the Agenda for 7th January 2021 Planning Meeting in case there is a wish to respond to the consultation.

With kind regards

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