

Amendments to Policy

Consultation document

Chapter	Description of amendment and consultation Question
Pg 2	Insertion of Executive Summary
Pg 3	Insertion of version control
Ch 1	Expansion of objectives to include environmental considerations
Ch 1	Detail of link to Transport Strategy
Ch 1	Updated information on list of wheelchair accessible vehicles (designated vehicles) and the responsibilities that drivers have to customers with protected characteristics under the 2010 Act.
Ch 2	Advertisements, signs and notices Addition to allow in car digital advertising if in accordance with the approvals contained in this Policy. Q1 Do you agree or disagree with the addition of an exception for in car digital advertisements? Please provide the reasons for your response.
Ch 2	Vehicle testing Q2 Which of the following options do you prefer: That the only testing station vehicles can use is one provided by North Tyneside Council? That other authorised testing stations within North Tyneside can also be used? I do not have an opinion on this proposal. Please provide reasons for your response.
Ch 2	Application procedure Insertion to allow applications to be made on line where available.
Ch 2	Tinted windows No minimum light transmission to rear of B pillar. Q3 – Do you agree or disagree that the Policy should be amended to allow windows with no minimum tint for all windows to the rear of the B pillar provided it is fitted as standard to the vehicle? Please give reasons for your response.
Ch 2	Emission/Age standards Insertion of age standards starting from 1 April 2020. Q4 Do you: a) Agree or disagree that an age standard should be added to this Policy? b) Please give reasons for your reasons. c) If agree, do you agree or disagree with the age standards proposed in this Policy? d) If disagree, what alternative age standards would you suggest?
Ch 3	Driver knowledge/locality test

	Q5 Do you have any comment to make on the proposal that there be restrictions on the number of attempts within a three month period? Please give reasons for your response.
Ch 3	Driver knowledge/locality test Q6 Do you believe the driver knowledge/locality test should: a) continue in its current format b) remove the locality element of the test for both hackney carriage and private hire driver applicants c) remove the locality element of the test for private hire driver applicants only? Please give reasons for your response.
Ch 3	DBS process Inclusion of mandatory requirement to sign up to the Disclosure and Barring Service Online Update Service. Q7 Do you agree or disagree with the mandatory requirement to sign up to the Disclosure and Barring Service Online Update Service? Please give reasons for your response.
Ch 3	New /renewal applications Insertion to allow applications to be made on line.
Ch 3	Incomplete applications Insertion to allow applications to be made on line and increase in time period to submit renewal application from 7 days to 10 working days.
Ch 3	Insertion of need for drivers to be aware of conditions and byelaws.
Ch 4	Insertion of fitness test for Operators.
Ch 4	Insertion of need for operators to be aware of conditions.
Ch 4	Application procedure Insertion to allow applications to be made on line where applicable.
Ch 7	Hackney carriage and private hire drivers Insertion of Authority's ability to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew a driver licence if the driver convicted of an immigration offence or failure to pay an immigration penalty.
Ch 7	Section A – Guidance as to the Relevance of Convictions, Reprimands, Final Warnings, Cautions & Fixed Penalties Amendment from Regulation and Review Committee to Cabinet Clarification concerning convictions of abuse and exploitation Clarification on matters to be considered when assessing the fitness of a person to hold a licence.
Ch 7	Formal Cautions, Fixed Penalties or Community Resolutions Expansion of meaning of consideration of convictions

	Addition of Community Resolutions and clarification of all disposals that need to be referred to the Authority.
Ch 7	Offences of violence, discrimination and possession of a weapon Increase of time free from conviction for offences of violence, discrimination and possession of a weapon. Convictions following some offences will mean that a licence is not granted.
Ch 7	Sexual and Indecency offences Clarification of consideration of sexual and indecency offences.
Ch 7	Expansion of driving offences Q8. Do you agree or disagree with the proposal that the time periods during which a licence will not be granted is expanded for: a) drink driving and drug convictions b) using a hand-held mobile telephone or device? Please give reasons for your response.
Ch 7	Vehicle use offences Addition of offences which involve the use of a vehicle.
Ch 7	Licensing offences Q9. Do you agree or disagree with the time periods contained within chapter 7? Please give reasons for your response.
Ch 9	Decision making Update of information concerning Members Code of Conduct.
Ch 10	Addition of creation of rank using Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
Ch 10	Waiting on stands and rank etiquette Addition of requirement to turn off engine whilst waiting or use stop start technology
Removal from Policy	Appendix – list of ranks. This will be available from website and licensing office.