



General Purposes and Licensing Committee 7 September 2026

Decisions

5. Amendments to the Taxi and Private Hire Policy

Approved the following:

- i. Policy changes:
 - a. Increasing the maximum duration of newly granted driver licence from 12 months to 36 months.
 - b. Requiring drivers to complete safeguarding training as part of each licence renewal application.
 - c. Requiring safeguarding training certificates to be dated within three months of application for new driver applications and within three months of licence start date for renewals.
 - d. Requiring non-driver vehicle proprietors and operators to complete safeguarding training every three years as part of their non-driver proprietor registration.
 - e. Retaining the existing exemption for Hackney Carriage licence plates 1 to 121 and allowing those plates to be assigned to non-wheelchair accessible vehicles, including where a plate has been surrendered or revoked. (these

vehicles will be required to meet the councils current zero and ultra-low emissions requirements)

- f. Requiring proprietors seeking to licence an imported ULEV to provide official evidence of the vehicle's CO₂ emissions.
- g. Refusing to licence an imported ULEV where the Council cannot verify its CO₂ emissions or where satisfactory evidence demonstrating emissions of 75g/km CO₂ or below has not been provided.
- h. Requiring applicants and licence holders who have lived or resided outside the UK for three months or more within the five years preceding an application or renewal to provide an appropriate certificate of good conduct.
- i. Accepting alternative evidence where an applicant or licence holder is unable to obtain a certificate of good conduct, subject to satisfactory evidence that reasonable attempts have been made to obtain the certificate.

Changes are highlighted within policy as per tracked changes in Appendix A of the Officer's report.

- ii. Implementation date for changes with immediate effect.
- iii. Non- substantive amendments to policy delegated authority for officers to make minor, non-substance amendments to policy, where required to maintain the accuracy and clarity of the document. This is general housekeeping changes such as corrections/updates to legislation, terminology, formatting and administrative details.

6. Convictions Policy and EMS Revision

Approved with immediate effect the:

- i. Introduction of the standalone Convictions Policy as detailed in Appendix 1 of the Officer's report.
- ii. Changes made to the Enforcement Management System as detailed in Appendix 2 of the Officer's report.

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