

Licensing Committee – Monday 16 September 2024, 10am – List of Public Questions received.

Question 1

Can the Licensing Department outline the steps it is taking to ensure that Cambridge City's public hire fleet, including wheelchair-accessible vehicles, has access to major global digital taxi booking platforms? Additionally, how is the department addressing the trend of younger drivers (aged 30-40) opting to drive for Cambridge City's public hire fleet instead of choosing private hire opportunities under South Cambridgeshire District Council?

Could the committee members consider the perspective of Cambridge City public hire customers, especially those requiring wheelchair-accessible services? Would they prefer to pay a bit extra to ensure timely taxi availability, or are they content with waiting up to an hour for a taxi? Currently, wheelchair-accessible customers face the same challenges but are unable to access timely services due to the overregulated taxi policy. Is this aligned with our commitment to equality?