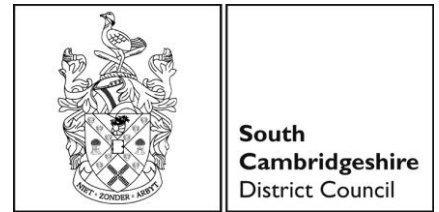


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To: Chairman – Councillor Dr. Douglas de Lacey
Vice-Chairman – Councillor Anna Bradnam
All Members of the Council

Dear Councillor

This is a supplement to the previously-published agenda for the meeting of **COUNCIL** on **THURSDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2020**.

Yours faithfully
Liz Watts
Chief Executive

AGENDA

**8 (d) Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and Conditions
(Licensing Committee - 10 February 2020)**

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Attached is an update to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy report.

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Agenda Item 8d

Amendment to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy Report

The following paragraph should replace the published version of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy Report at point 40 (Equality and Diversity) on page 68 of the agenda:

“Concerns have been raised by the trade over the possible low availability of wheelchair accessible vehicles that meet the ULEV and zero-emissions standards required from October 2021. This may have a negative impact on residents and customers who use a wheelchair. A Wheelchair Demand Survey will be undertaken by June 2021 and the results taken to Licensing Committee to review the impact of the proposed policy on wheelchair users and make recommendations as to any Policy changes required, if any.”

Further representations in relation to CCTV

Following closure of the consultation in September 2019 further letters were received by the Council from customers of plate exempt private hire operators. All letters detailed views in relation to CCTV in these plate exempt vehicles citing concern over privacy. The existence and views of these letters was raised at Licensing Committee on 10th February and all views in relation to CCTV has been extensively debated throughout both consultations. Licensing Committees considerations of this issue is included in the minutes for both meetings.

These concerns relate to a misapprehension in respect to the audio aspect of the CCTV. We are seeking to produce a card that will reassure all that the audio will not be automatic and will rely on manual activation . Licensing Committee felt that these concerns will be reassured once procurement of the system is complete.

Amendment to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy – Accessibility

The aim of this Licensing Authority is to provide an accessible public transport system where people with disabilities have the same opportunities to travel as other members of society.

The policy states that all Hackney Carriage vehicles must be wheelchair accessible vehicles to ensure that disabled people are able to hire the vehicle on the spot with the minimum delay or inconvenience.

Paragraph 3.16 (d) of the policy currently states:

New vehicles will need to comply with this immediately, and those vehicles currently licensed as a Hackney Carriage will have to comply by 31st March 2021. Failure to do so will result in the vehicle licence being revoked, or not renewed.

This should be amended to:

New **Hackney Carriage** vehicles will need to comply with this immediately, and those vehicles currently licensed as a Hackney Carriage will have to comply by **1st December 2021** Failure to do so will result in the vehicle licence being revoked, or not renewed.

This is to provide consistency of dates and enable easier application of the policy .

Paragraph 3.16 (h) of the policy currently states:

Private Hire vehicles fitted with a tail lift for wheelchairs must provide a valid Lifting Operations Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) certificate of compliance to prove that the tail lift has been tested and checked to the required standards. It must be retested every six months as per Health and Safety Executive (HSE) requirements.

This should be amended to:

All vehicles fitted with a tail lift for wheelchairs must provide a valid Lifting Operations Lifting Equipment Regulations (LOLER) certificate of compliance to prove that the tail lift has been tested and checked to the required standards. It must be retested every six months as per Health and Safety Executive (HSE) requirements.

Amendment to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy - Rationale and implementation dates for new and renewal Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle licence applications.

The table at paragraph 3.27 (k) of the policy and section 30 of the report currently states:

Policy	Rationale	Implementation
A set date for all Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles licensed for the first time by this Licensing Authority to be Zero or Ultra-Low Emission	This allows proprietors/ potential proprietors to focus on planning to move to Zero or Ultra Low emission vehicles by a set date.	With effect from 1 st December 2021
A set date for all Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles licensed by this Licensing Authority to be Zero or Ultra-Low Emission	This allows proprietors/ potential proprietors to focus on planning to move to Zero or Ultra Low emission vehicles by a set date and allows adequate business planning.	With effect from December 2028
A set date for all Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAV's) licensed by this Licensing Authority to be Zero or Ultra-Low Emission	The market has insufficient Ultra-Low or Zero Emission Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles at present. To be reviewed in 2026 to reflect the availability in the market of such vehicles.	With effect by 31st December 2028.

This should be amended to:

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This will enable Licensing Committee to continuously monitor this matter and undertake a review as soon as is appropriate.

It will also provide consistency of dates, enable easier application of the policy.