

Community Impact Assessment

Section 1 – Overview

Telford & Wrekin Council Licensing Conditions and Policy – Hackney Carriage and Private Hire.

The primary legislation relating to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing is contained in the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. Local Authorities are responsible for licensing Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers, Vehicles and Operators in their area under the provisions of these pieces of legislation.

The aim of Council's licensing policies is to provide guidance for Persons who wish to apply for hackney carriage and private hire vehicle, drivers or operators licences; and their representatives; persons who hold existing licences, including those that are the subject of review; and their representatives; the Council, in its capacity as the licensing authority, including licensing officers, members of the relevant licensing committees when making a determination on an application; Magistrates and judges hearing relevant cases. It is to ensure the safety and welfare of the population who live and work in Telford & Wrekin, while recognising the importance of the businesses to the local economy.

All licences issued by the Council's Licensing Service have conditions of licence attached to them. These policies should be read in conjunction with Telford & Wrekin Council's conditions of licence for Dual Drivers, Vehicles and Operators. The purpose of attaching conditions to Private Hire and Hackney Carriage licences is to ensure public safety, being the purpose of the legislation.

1. The policies affect
 - Customers/service-users
 - Licence holders

The policies and conditions will come, into effect subject to representations received, following a 12 week consultation. The policies and conditions of licences will be subject to continuous evaluation and may be reviewed at any time. At the time of a review all interested parties, partners and stakeholders will again be consulted.

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Section 2 – Impact Assessment

a) Community Impact

The policy contributes to the following priorities :

2. *protect and create jobs as a 'Business Supporting, Business Winning Council'*
3. *improve local people's prospects through education and skills training*
4. *protect and support our vulnerable children and adults*

These policies will have the following impacts on the following groups of people.

	Impact (X)		
	Positive	Negative	None
People of different ages Helpbox - Age	X		
People with ill health or people with a disability Helpbox - Disability	X		
People of different gender Helpbox - Gender (Sex)	X		
People who are transgender Helpbox - Transgender			X
Different racial groups Helpbox - Race			X
People with different religion or beliefs Helpbox - Religion or Beliefs			X
People of different sexual orientation Helpbox - Sexual Orientation			X
Women who are pregnant or breast-feeding Helpbox -Pregnancy and Maternity			X
People that are married or in a civil partnership Helpbox - Marriage or Civil Partnership			X
People affected by deprivation Helpbox - people affected by deprivation	X		

People of Different Ages

The policy will have a positive impact on people of all ages. Young people who enjoy the night-time economy use taxis and private hire vehicles as do elderly people who use licensed vehicles for going to the shops or to medical appointments as they offer a door to door service unlike other methods of public transport as this policy sets out what is expected of licensed drivers, vehicles and operators and the standards which must be achieved to be compliant with legislation and conditions of licence..

People with ill health or people with a disability

The policy will have a positive impact on people with ill health or people with a disability who use the door to door service that taxis and private hire vehicles provide. The policy states that drivers should be aware of their responsibilities under Equality legislation and be trained in the correct use of equipment in wheel chair accessible licensed vehicles.

People of different gender

According to the Department for Transport Best Practice Guidance on Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing, low-income young women (amongst whom car ownership is low) are one of the largest groups of users of taxis and private hire vehicles. The policy will have a positive impact on females as it details the criteria that drivers must achieve in order to be considered fit and proper persons.

People who are transgender

I have no evidence which indicates that this policy will impact on this characteristic.

Different racial groups

I have no evidence which indicates that this policy will impact on this characteristic.

People with different religion or beliefs

I have no evidence which indicates that this policy will impact on this characteristic.

People of different sexual orientation.

I have no evidence which indicates that this policy will impact on this characteristic.

Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding.

I have no evidence which indicates that this policy will impact on this characteristic.

People that are married or in a civil partnership

I have no evidence which indicates that this policy will impact on this characteristic.

People affected by deprivation.

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Continuous dialogue has been maintained with the trade since the last Policy review in 2013. The Licensing Service has taken into consideration opinions expressed Further engagement in the form of a 12 week consultation will be carried out with the trade, partners, user groups and service users before implementation of the policies and licence conditions.

Section 3 – Mitigating Actions

The positive impact for all members of the community but in particular to vulnerable and disabled members of the community, will be maximised by keeping the policy and conditions under review and responding to any comments received from licence holders and/or service users.

The above actions will foster good relations between different groups because the written policy aims to clearly state to licence holders and members of the community the standards expected of hackney carriage and private hire drivers, vehicles and operators.

Section 4 – Review and Monitoring

The policies will be implemented following a 12 week consultation period.

There will be on-going monitoring and review of the impacts of this policy by the Licensing Service by engagement with members of the hackney carriage and private hire trade.

Line Manager/Head of Service Agreement

Community Impact Assessments will be published online and available on request. This will include the subject document, equality analysis, data sources and consultation evidence.

Please make sure that your Line Manager/Head of Service has been made aware of the content of the impact assessment and that they agree with it.

Arrange for your Line Manager/Head of Service to e-mail confirmation of agreement to; equalityanddiversity@telford.gov.uk

The Equality and Diversity team will create a summary for ease of access, please make sure that you forward any relevant documentation you have referred to with the e-mail.

Thank you conducting this Community Impact Assessment, should you have any questions please contact 01952 382104 or e-mail equalityanddiversity@telford.gov.uk