

Community Impact Assessment

Section 1 – Overview

1. What is the title of the policy?

Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Conditions of Licence pertaining to tinted windows.

2. What are the objectives of the policy?

The objective is to consider and consult with partners, the community and the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire trade on the review of the Council's conditions of licence relating to privacy window.

3. This policy affects

- Licence Holders
- People who use Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles
- Partners

4. What period does the policy cover?

The condition of licence relating to tinted windows in licensed vehicles will be considered by Members of the Council's Licensing Committee on 17th January 2017.

5. Your contact details:

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Section 2 – Impact Assessment

a) Community Impact

1. Will the policy contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?

Yes

2. The Policy contributes to the following [Priority Plan objectives](#)

- Protect and support our vulnerable children and adults

3. Will this policy have a significant impact on any of the following groups of people?

People of different ages

[Helpbox - Age](#)

People with ill health or people with a disability

[Helpbox - Disability](#)

People of different gender

[Helpbox - Gender \(Sex\)](#)

People who are transgender

[Helpbox - Transgender](#)

Different racial groups

[Helpbox - Race](#)

People with different religion or beliefs

[Helpbox - Religion or Beliefs](#)

People of different sexual orientation

[Helpbox - Sexual Orientation](#)

Women who are pregnant or breast-feeding

[Helpbox -Pregnancy and Maternity](#)

People that are married or in a civil partnership

[Helpbox - Marriage or Civil Partnership](#)

People affected by deprivation

[Helpbox - people affected by deprivation](#)

	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

4. What is the expected impact?

People of different ages

This policy will have a positive impact on residents and visitors in Telford of all ages who use licensed vehicles. Passengers will feel safer in a vehicle where they can be seen.

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 as the review looks to include hackney carriage vehicles which are wheel chair accessible. This condition of licence is proposed to ensure public safety and the wellbeing of the passengers and drivers.

People of different gender

This policy will have a positive impact on young females who according to the Department for Transport Best Practice Guidance on Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing, are one of the largest groups of users of taxis and private hire vehicles. The equality data collected by the Licensing Service shows that 97% of licensed drivers are male and therefore, those licence holders who are the only income earner in households will have a wider choice of vehicle to choose from when purchasing a vehicle.

The review this condition of licence is based on Telford & Wrekin Council's continued commitment to the safety and the quality of its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire service.

Excessively tinted glass restricts a driver's vision, especially in dark conditions. Activities taking place in the vehicle cannot be viewed from the outside posing both a risk to both passengers and driver.

I have no evidence which indicates that this policy will impact on the following characteristics.

People who are transgender.

People with different religion or beliefs

People of different sexual orientation

Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding

People that are married or in a civil partnership

People affected by deprivation.

A full 8 week consultation will be carried out before the policy is implemented with the taxi trade, partner organisations, Councillors, Town & Parish Councils, Residents Associations, Community Associations and Disability Forums. In addition the consultation will be published on the Council's website.

Section 3 – Mitigating Actions

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If the proposed change to the condition relating to the type of vehicle which the Council will licence as a Hackney Carriage is implemented, more drivers will be trained in relation to their responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010.

The policy contributes to the following aims of the General Equality Duty;

- **advance equality of opportunity**
- **foster good relations between different groups**

Section 4 – Review and Monitoring

1. From what date will this policy be implemented?

Any amendments to conditions of licences resulting from the Licensing Committee hearing on 17 th January 2017 will not be implemented until after the 8 week consultation has finished.
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2. When will the actual impacts of the policy be monitored and reviewed?

The impacts of the condition of licence will be reviewed after a period of 12 months from implementation.

3. How will the actual impact of the policy be monitored and reviewed?

Any changes to the Council's conditions of licence resulting from this policy will be monitored by the Licensing Service in relation to data retained on licensed drivers and licensed vehicles on the Council's Licensing databases. This will include the numbers and types of vehicles licenced and nature of complaints from service users relating to drivers and/or vehicles.