

# Integrated Impact Assessment

**Name of the service, policy, strategy or project being assessed**

To review the Policy to limit the number of Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licenses the Council will Issue.

**What does the service, policy, strategy or project do?**

**The current policy Limits the** number of Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licenses within the Borough Of Chorley to 36.

**Who is it intended to benefit and how?**

**To prevent over supply** of Hackney Carriage Vehicle services and protect the income of those HCV Licence holders

**Officer responsible for completing the assessment**

Mr S Culleton

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<b>Date of Assessment</b>	
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<b>Date of Review</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2015
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# Introduction

## What is an Integrated Impact Assessment?

The integrated impact assessment is a tool to ensure that any policy, project or service is assessed to consider any positive or negative impacts for Chorley residents with regards to equalities, health or sustainability. It is important that this is done in a timely manner and ideally it should precede the start of the project, policy or strategy concerned.

## Why do we need to do Impact Assessments?

Chorley Council is committed as a community leader, service provider and employer that we will work to ensure that everybody is afforded equality of opportunity and good life chances. The Impact Assessment is a tool we use to ensure that we fulfil these commitments, and thus meet our legal duties.

## Quick Steps for Completion

1. There are four sections;
  - Equality – This section considers the impact on our 7 equality strands, which are; race, age, gender, sexuality, faith, disability and rurality. When completing this section, reference should be made to the Council's [Equality Scheme](#)
  - Health – the impact on potential health impacts. There is a link in the section to the current public health observatory information
  - Reputation – the impact on the Council's reputation and our ability to deliver our key priorities. Reference should be made to the Council's [Corporate Strategy](#)
  - Sustainability – the impact on environmental and sustainability issues. Reference should be to the [Climate Change Strategy](#)

Each section has a number of questions which should be given a rating, and evidence given for why the rating has been selected.

Code	Description
P	Positive beneficial impact
N	Negative undesirable impact
U	Uncertainty over impact
NI	No specific impact/neutral impact

2. Actions – Once a rating is given, actions should be identified to mitigate any negative impacts or maximise any positive impacts of the policy/project/strategy that is being assessed.
3. Once the toolkit has been completed, changes should be made to the policy/project/service to respond to any actions identified.

If you require further information, please contact Sarah James, Partnerships Manager, [sarah.james@chorley.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.james@chorley.gov.uk) on 5348

Equality Impact Assessment	Yes		No		Evidence	Further action required
1. Have consultations with relevant groups, organisations or individuals indicated that this particular activity will create problems which are specific to them?			x		Existing evidence suggests there is no significant unmet demand	To challenge the existing evidence and review the present structure of the HCV trade in relation to the wider public interest. Wider groups such as the equality forum or disability forum could be engaged in this process.
What potential impact does this activity make to:						
	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
1. Equality of opportunity amongst customers of different ages (Age)				x		To review the policy and present options to Members.
2. Equality of opportunity amongst with or without a physical or mental disability (Disability)		x			There is evidence that the current HCV structure does not avail its self to be included within the LCC WAV framework.  In addition anecdotal evidence from private hire operators suggest that there is a demand for WAV's which is being met by operators outside of the borough.	To remove the barriers to operating a HCV WAV to increase the opportunities to others to provide these services for residents of Chorley. Increasing provision within the borough, could also lower the costs to customers and have a positive environmental and economic impact through shorter journeys within the borough.
3. Equality of opportunity amongst customers of different gender backgrounds (Gender Reassignment)				X		To review the policy and present options to Members.
4. Equality of opportunity amongst customers who are pregnant or parents (Pregnancy and Maternity)	X				Comments from the HCV trade suggest that this sector of the community	Increasing HCV provision would help to meet the need of this group.

					prefer to access WAV type HCVs	
5. Equality of opportunity amongst customer groups of different racial backgrounds (Race)				X		To review the policy and present options to Members.
6. Equality of opportunity amongst customers of different religions (Religion or Belief)				X		To review the policy and present options to Members.
7. Equality of opportunity amongst customers that live in different parts of Chorley (Rurality)		X			There is no access to HCV at any other location in Chorley other than the High St rank	Increasing HCV provision would naturally disperse HCV provision to alternative ranks across the borough.
8. Equality of opportunity amongst male and female customers (Sex)				X		To review the policy and present options to Members.
9. Equality of opportunity amongst customers of different sexual orientations (Sexual Orientation)				X		To review the policy and present options to Members.
<b>Health Impact Assessment</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>NI</b>	<b>Evidence</b>	<b>Further action required</b>
<b>What potential impact does this activity make upon:</b>						
1. Promoting healthy lifestyles for Chorley residents. For the latest Health Observatory information please see the data on this link <a href="http://www.apho.org.uk/resource/item.aspx?RID=126958">http://www.apho.org.uk/resource/item.aspx?RID=126958</a>		X			Evidence suggests that where there are in-adequate integrated transport routes, individual vehicle ownership increases.	To review the policy and present options to Members.
2. Enabling residents to Start Well (pre birth – 19) Possible issues to consider are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting healthy pregnancy</li> <li>Reducing infant mortality</li> <li>Reducing childhood obesity</li> <li>Supporting children with long term conditions</li> <li>Supporting vulnerable families and children</li> </ul>		x			The current policy limits choice to the traveling public and opportunities of employment.	To review the policy and present options to Members.

<p>3. Enabling residents to Live well (16 -75 years) Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting healthy settings, healthy workforce and economic development</li> <li>• Promoting mental wellbeing and healthy lifestyles</li> <li>• Reducing avoidable deaths</li> <li>• Improving outcomes for people with learning disabilities</li> </ul>		x			<p>The current policy limits choice to the traveling public, opportunities of employment and creates un-necessary barriers to local or other facilities due to lack of supply.</p>	<p>To review the policy and present options to Members.</p>
<p>4. Enabling residents to Age Well (over 65 years). Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting independence</li> <li>• Reducing social isolation</li> <li>• Managing long term conditions and dementia</li> <li>• Reducing emergency admissions and direct admissions to residential care settings</li> <li>• Supporting carers and families</li> </ul>		x			<p>The current policy limits choice to the traveling public, opportunities of employment and creates un-necessary barriers to local or other social facilities due to lack of supply/ availability</p>	<p>To review the policy and present options to Members.</p>

Reputational Impact Assessment	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
<b>What potential impact does this activity make upon:</b>						
<p>1. Chorley Council's reputation. Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proving to local residents that we provide value for money</li> <li>• Informing and engaging with local residents</li> <li>• Building trust and confidence in Chorley Council</li> <li>• Improving customer satisfaction with council services</li> <li>• Chorley Council's role as a community leader</li> </ul>		x			<p>The current structure allows for Taxi fares to be determine by the few, and market forces have a limited impact on the rates that are set , Chorley presently does not contribute to LCC WAV framework.</p>	<p>To review the policy and present options to Members.</p>

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<p>2. Our ability to deliver the Corporate Strategy. Issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A council that consults and engages with residents</li> <li>▪ An ambitious council that continually strives to improve</li> </ul>	x				To provide better transport & integrated transport links	To review the policy and present options to Members.

Sustainability Impact Assessment	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
What potential impact does this activity make upon:						

Sustainability Impact Assessment	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
<p>1. The effective protection of Chorley's environment. Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limiting waste generation &amp; encouraging recycling</li> <li>Limiting factors that contribute to climate change</li> <li>Protection of and improving access to the natural environment</li> </ul>		x			The lack of HCV availability in rural areas is likely to contribute to vehicle ownership and the number of vehicle journeys taken.	To review the policy and present options to Members.
<p>2. Prudent usage of natural resources. Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limiting use of non sustainable energy, water, minerals and materials</li> <li>Reducing the need to travel and encouraging walking, cycling and low carbon modes of travel</li> </ul>		X			The lack of HCV availability in rural areas is likely to contribute to vehicle ownership and the number of vehicle journeys taken.	To review the policy and present options to Members.
<p>3. Social progress amongst all of Chorley's communities. Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opportunities for education and information</li> <li>Provision of appropriate and sustainable housing</li> <li>Reduced fear of crime and community safety</li> <li>Access to cultural and leisure facilities</li> <li>Encouraging engagement and supporting volunteering</li> </ul>		x			The lack of HCV availability in rural areas is likely to contribute to multiple vehicle ownership and the number of vehicle journeys taken. Where vehicle ownership is limited it is likely smaller journeys would be completed on foot.	To review the policy and present options to Members.



Sustainability Impact Assessment	P	N	U	NI	Evidence	Further action required
<p>4. A vibrant local economy in Chorley. Possible issues to consider are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting better quality jobs and developing the skills of local residents</li> <li>Supporting local business by procuring goods and services locally</li> <li>Strengthening links with public, private and third sector partners</li> </ul>		X			<p>The current policy creates business opportunities for out of borough operators to capitalise upon work that exists within the Chorley Borough and limits the scope for local economic development &amp; growth.</p>	<p>To review the Policy to limit the number of Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licenses the Council will Issue.</p>

## Integrated Impact Assessment Action Plan

If any further actions were identified through the Integrated Impact Assessment then these should be listed in the table below. These should be added to the relevant business/service plan to ensure that any actions are carried out.

Actions needed following Integrated Impact Assessment	Start Date	End Date	Lead Officer
To review the current policy and present options to improve the policy, and reduce the negative impacts it has on certain groups of Chorley residents.	To Be Confirmed		Stephen Cullerton