

APPENDIX 1- CONSOLIDATED CONSULTATION MATRIX FOR LICENSING LIAISON PANEL – CONSULTATION ON TAXI LICENCING POLICIES AND CONDITIONS

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ITEM NUMBER	What is the Policy/Condition you wish to change? If possible please reference the paragraph no. from the policy/condition documentation	How does this policy/condition impact on your ability to operate a private hire or hackney service	How do you propose we change it? Please propose the wording you would wish to see in any alternative condition/policy	CONSULTEE DETAILS
1	Door signs- fixed permanently	These should be magnetic Don't want to put nicer cars as marks and damages paintwork/ private use	If they are magnetic, the car can be used for personal use. Allow magnetic livery & smaller	Yaqoob Illahi Shakail Ahmed
2	4 doors and separate doors (minibus)	More vehicles available and range	Minibus with 3 doors, 2 passenger side and 1 driver	Shakail Ahmed
3	Fire extinguisher	Dangerous	Remove	Shakail Ahmed
4	Insurance write offs Insurance write offs and ,mileage history	Some vehicles are written off on the cost basis Restricts markets and expense, sometimes no damage	These vehicles can be repaired and once repaired, they are tested by VOISA and also are taxi tested where the panels and the other work come into the test. Allow vehicles on that have been categorised 'D'	Yaqoob Illahi Shakail Ahmed
5	engine size/ capacity 1200cc	Due to modernisation of vehicles this needs to be reviewed Small engine cars, Hybrid& electric	If the car is powerful enough to take 4 people then engine size should not come into it. Review policy Remove	Yaqoob Illahi Yellow Cabs Shakail Ahmed

6	Seating for more than 4 passengers	<p>Some cars can be used. New 6 seaters have folding rear seats Restriction of trade. Unfair competition, it has no logical reason, comfort is not an issue as more comfort than pull out seats in black cab and far bigger. Cost of 8 seater much more expensive</p> <p>I do believe that if a vehicle has been tested and checked to accommodate 5,6,7 people then the Council should licence it to carry such number of passengers. The vehicles in questions will have been tested extensively by several leading organisations and passed these tests and checks before coming/marketed to carry such a number of passengers.</p> <p>The newer model of Ford galaxy does not meet the conditions, however the older model (pre-06) does, this is anomalous and prevents newer vehicles being licenced</p>	<p>If the car is made for that purpose, it is type approved by the government. We should be able to get it licensed. In order to get new 6 seaters which have seats capable of being stored within the confines of the body of the vehicle, that vehicle is more cost effective to run than the 8 seaters e.g. the transit. Scrap it</p> <p>If a vehicle has been converted on log book (V5) then it should be accepted for that number of passengers or as a W/C vehicle or a minibus without further paperwork being required.</p> <p>Review these provisions to look more closely at newer models and their appropriateness for use.</p>	<p>Yaqoob Illahi</p> <p>Yellow cabs</p> <p>Shakail Ahmed</p> <p>Coopers</p>
7	7 inch leg room	<p>This effects lots of vehicles used for taxi Totally unnecessary as vehicles are different and all drivers are different Get rid of 7" rule has no council that I now of has this daft rule</p>	<p>This 7 inch leg room should be taken off the rules because there are cars like the Skoda Octavia which has less than 7 inch leg room yet it is a popular car used for taxi even in Chorley Scrap it</p>	<p>Yaqoob Illahi</p> <p>Yellow cabs</p> <p>Hackney Carriage Association</p>

8	Cost of MOT test section of test	Very expensive, price fixing by Council garages willing to do cheaper	Negotiate new prices with garage Allow trade to get better prices	Shakail Ahmed
9	Meters	Cost Calibration certificate for meters every 6 months. again over the top. no need. Cost and unnecessary time for meters	When meters are fitted, they are calibrated and are electronic so you cannot adjust them yourself. I don't see the sense in getting them calibrated every 6 months. It puts extra cost on the owner. Once fitted these cannot be altered without key (agents only)	Yaqoob Illahi Hackney Carriage Association Shakail Ahmed
10	Drivers insurance	Cost	If the insurance companies allow you to drive social, domestic and pleasure then I think the council should allow you to drive so long as it is not being used as a taxi.	Yaqoob Illahi
11	Vehicle Pre-inspection	Delays in licensing vehicles, drivers working Get rid of PRe inspection of vehicles by I.o .before going for taxi mot Test	Scrap it Make application forms available at one stop shop	Yellow cabs Hackney Carriage Association
12	Waiting for V5	Green slip and receipt of purchase should be enough	Scrap it	Yellow cabs
13	Type approval and structural specification	Expensive vehicles Expensive approval	Modifications from a 14 seater to 8 seater accepted	Shakail Ahmed

14	General Vehicle Type conditions	Not understandable, bit of a mess	Simplify the regulations	Shakail Ahmed
15	Refund of plate when returned Fees, replacement vehicles	Refund should be available if vehicle is removed form fleet. Remaining plate fee should be returned 6month licences paid for if u change vehicles before no refund why? Money lost, taken by Council	Change it Refund licence money that is remaining or transfer	Yellow Cabs Hackney Carriage Association Shakail Ahmed
16	Group 2 medicals, class 2 and W/C badge	Totally unnecessary. Doctors medical is sufficient for driving in accordance with DVLA medicals every 3 years again over the top we would like to see medical every 5 years. Struggling to get staff, driver class 2 takes too long	Scrap it Normal drivers medical & remove W/C section badge. Under class 2 too many issues are being highlighted which are not necessary affecting drivers but are taking a lengthy time to resolve. NHS waiting list are long already without Chorley Taxi drivers adding to time for treadmill tests and other non-important tests when doctors could be doing things far more useful.	Yellow Cabs Hackney Carriage Association Shakail Ahmed

17	Reminders	Council should still be doing this as previously and working with trade to improve instead of being a restrictive practice.		Shakail Ahmed
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