



**Department for Transport's Statutory Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Standards Consultation.**

This consultation seeks feedback on Selby's Licensing Services proposals to harmonise its policies and procedures with the Department for Transport's (DfT) Statutory Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Standards.

The following document summarises some of the proposed changes to Selby Council's Taxi Licensing Policy as a result of the publishing of the Department of Transport's '[Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards](#)' in July 2020.

We welcome feedback and any supporting evidence, in order that the council may consider any views expressed. It is strongly recommended that before completing this questionnaire you read the document

Please note that the council must have regard to the requirements of this guidance and should only deviate from the recommendations where there are compelling reasons to do so.

Several of the proposed standards are already in place in Selby and are therefore not referenced in the below document however, if you wish to make comment on any of the standards not included, please feel free to comment in the any other comments box at the bottom of the form.

**4.5 & 6.1 Enhanced DBS checks for drivers**

The DfT recommends that driver licence holders undergo enhanced DBS checks at more frequent intervals of **every six months**. This involves drivers to sign up to the DBS update service (already a policy requirement).

**Question – Do you agree with this requirement?**

**Yes / No (delete as required).**

Please enter any comments here:

**4.12 Self-reporting**

The Department for Transport recommends that licence holders should notify Licensing Services within 48 hours of an arrest and release, charge or conviction for sexual, violent, dishonest or motoring offences. (This reduces the current 3-day limit)

**Question – Do you agree with this requirement?**

**Yes / No (delete as required).**

Please enter any comments here:

**4.29 & 4.31 Complaints against license holders**

All complaints against drivers of both private hire and hackney carriages drivers and private hire operators should be referred to and recorded by the licensing authority. Ways of how to make a complaint to the licensing authority should be displayed in all vehicles not just hackney carriages as present

**Question –** Do you agree with this requirement?

**Yes / No (delete as required).**

Please enter any comments here:

**7.8 - 7.13 CCTV and audio recordings**

The DfT expects that Licensing Authorities consult to identify if there are local circumstances which indicate that the installation of CCTV in vehicles would have either a positive or negative effect on the safety of taxi and private hire vehicle users, including children and vulnerable adults, and taking into account any privacy issues.

**Question A -**Do you think that the installation of CCTV in licensed vehicles will have a positive or a negative effect on passengers?

**Yes / No (delete as required).**

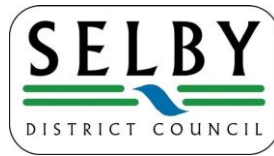
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**Question B –** The Councils policy currently permits CCTV in vehicles if requested by the driver.

Do you think that it should be a mandatory requirement to have CCTV and audio recording in all licensed vehicles?

**Yes / No (delete as required).**

Please enter any comments here:



## APPENDIX A

### **8.16 – 8.17 Use of Passenger Carrying vehicles (PCV) licensed drivers**

The DfT expects that A Private Hire Operator who is also a Passenger Services Vehicle (PSV) operator must not use a PSV driver and PCV vehicle for a private hire booking without first gaining the agreement of the hirer, as the driver is not subject to the same level of DBS enhanced check.

**Question** – Do you agree that private hire operator must not use a PSV driver and vehicle for a private hire booking without first providing the necessary information (about the driver and the vehicle) and gaining the agreement of the hirer?

**Yes / No (delete as required).**

Please enter any comments here:

### **8.7 Booking and Despatch Staff – private hire operators**

Selby already require private hire operators to DBS check any staff who take bookings and are required to evidence this. As well as the DfT expect all private hire operators to maintain a register of all staff that will be taking bookings staff (by phone or in person).

**Question** – Do you agree with this requirement?

**Yes / No (delete as required).**

Please enter any comments here:

### **9.2 Joint authorisation of enforcement officers**

The DfT expects where need arises, jointly authorised officers from other licensing authorities so that compliance and enforcement action can be taken against licensees from outside the area.

Do you agree that that authorisation should be given to officers, to ensure regulation of other drivers from other areas and vice versa?

Please enter any comments here:



**1.3 Any other comments**

The DfT expects all the Statutory Guidance recommendations to be implemented by 2020 unless there is a compelling local reason not to.

Please enter any comments here:

**Please tick in what capacity you are responding to this consultation.**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Private hire driver (Selby)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hackney carriage driver (Selby)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private hire operator (Selby)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Private hire /Hackney carriage driver/ Private hire operator (outside Selby)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Someone who uses Private hire /Hackney carriages in Selby District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employee of a licensing authority
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employee of another regulator
<input type="checkbox"/>	Representative of a charity or organisation (please specify below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Please Specify)
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**CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS BY 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 TO BE SENT TO:**

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