

Summary of consultation responses to the Selby Taxi Licensing Policy 2019

Section of the Policy	Feedback	Officer comments
Section 8.1 Medical Checks	<p>3 responses were in agreement with our proposals (Received from the public website).</p> <p>A further 4 queried the need for the increase, referring to cost, and the need to inform of medical changes to the council. (All 4 responses were from Hackney Carriage drivers).</p> <p>Where is the training for the Council to decide what a change to a medical condition is.</p>	<p>The medical condition of every individual can change at any time. As the main purpose of the Authority is protection of the public it is crucial that medicals are carried out on our drivers regularly to ensure that public safety is maintained.</p> <p>If someone notifies a change of condition, no one decides if the change is fundamental, just advised to get a further medical.</p>
Convictions Policy	<p>3 responses were in agreement with our proposals (Received from the public website).</p> <p>2 responses queried (Hackney Carriage Drivers) abuse of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.</p> <p>Pattern of behaviour - concern over the Licensing committee deeming people guilty (2 Hackney Carriage Drivers).</p>	<p>The 1974 Act states that convictions become spent and therefore do not have to be declared. However, the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 exempts that provision for Hackney Carriage drivers and Private Hire drivers and are listed as exempt activities. Such exemptions do not only apply to Councils.</p> <p>There is always an appeal process. This is always given at the end of each decision.</p>
Fire Extinguishes	<p>Recommendation of water or foam instead of powder in accordance with the Freight Transport Association Hackney Carriage and private Hire Vehicle National Inspection</p>	

	Standards best practice guide (August 2012). – (Response from North Yorkshire Passenger) Transport & 1 Hackney Carriage Driver)	
All new Hackney Carriage vehicles must be wheelchair accessible (as per the wheelchair accessible definition within the policy.	<p>Elderly people struggle to get in and out of the vehicle due to the height of the vehicle.</p> <p>A mixed fleet of saloon and wheelchair accessible vehicles is best.</p>	<p>There are various types of vehicles on the market. If the vehicle purchased is too high steps can be purchased to aid customers.</p> <p>We are aware that by making it a requirement for all new Hackney Carriage vehicles to be Wheelchair accessible that the majority of our current licensed vehicles will not fit the criteria and will still be a Hackney Carriage vehicle, but will not show on the list as wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>Due to this, if we do create a list under Section 167 of the Equality Act 2010, the number of vehicles on it will be low and it will take time for this to increase, therefore the requirement of Hackney Carriage vehicles being wheelchair accessible will help to build this up.</p> <p>The policy is always under review; therefore we would look at where we are at some point in the future to see if any exemptions to the requirement should then be considered once the wheelchair fleet has increased.</p>