SurveyTool Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy			ep-2021	to 29-Apr-2022						
Visitors	45	Contributor Summary (Signup form Qs - Detailed breakup on the right >) Do you consent for the Council to collate and process your feedback?	il to collate and where offences leading to conviction formal	months must be established for the monitoring of licensed drivers' criminal convictions through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Update Service. The draft policy has been updated with the following: Whilst a full DBS Enhanced Disclosure is required from each licensed driver on application and then maintained through the DBS Update Service, where offences leading to conviction, formal caution and/or charge are committed by licensed drivers, it is important, in the interests of consistency and transparency that a procedure is in place to consider what effect this should have on their licence. The Authority will carry out checks of DBS status	offect this should have an their license. The	If you answered disagree or strongly disagree please tell us why below(deleted)	The Council already has a process in place to deal with issues and complaints about licensed drivers and vehicles. We intend to update this with a 'Comments, Complements, Complaints' scheme to ensure anyone has the means to report concerns about licensed (or unlicensed) drivers, vehicles, or operators. This will include specific information to be displayed in all licensed vehicles and a reemphasis that taxi plates must be suitably secured to vehicles. To what extent do you agree that the above clearly outlines the requirement?	If you answered disagree or strongly disagree please tell us why below	Statutory Taxi & Drivate Hire Vehicle Standards stipulates the time limit for existing licence holders to report offences incurred during the period of licence to the Council must be reduced from 7 days to 48 hours. The draft policy has been updated with the following: The driver shall inform the Council of any conviction, formal caution, fixed penalty, absolute discharge and/or criminal charge imposed on him/her (or, if the proprietor is a company or partnership, any of the directors or partners) during the period of the licence. This notification must be in writing and be made within 48 hours of the offence. To what extent do you agree that the above clearly outlines the requirement?	r If you answered disagree or strongly disagree please tell us why below
Contributors	19 Feb 20 22 08:44:12 pm	Yes	Neither agree/disagree				Neither agree/disagree		Neither agree/disagree	
Registered	19 Jan 28 22 09:46:37 am	Yes	Strongly agree	TEST			Strongly agree	TEST	Strongly agree	TEST
Unverified	O Feb 07 22 04:14:42 pm	Yes	Strongly agree				Strongly agree		Agree	
Anonymous	O Feb 08 22 10:26:49 am	Yes	Agree				Agree		Disagree	I consider the 7 day window for reporting of offences is acceptable
Admin	O Feb 08 22 11:38:48 am	Yes	Neither agree/disagree				Strongly disagree	Since the pandemic, the general pub are out to blame anyone but themselves, the council would be bombarded with petty complaints - as licensed driver I advise any customer	Strongly agree	
SUBMISSIONS	19 Feb 08 22 12:00:30 pm	Yes	Strongly agree				Strongly agree		Strongly agree	I don't believe it should be reduced to 48 hours
	Feb 08 22 07:31:18 pm	Yes	Strongly agree	3 years is to long			Strongly agree		Strongly disagree	Anything could happen with the driver or family, 48 hours it's not long enough
	Feb 10 22 06:50:45 pm	Yes	Agree				Agree		Neither agree/disagree	
	Feb 10 22 08:24:59 pm	Yes	Agree				Strongly agree		Strongly agree	
Demographics G Below	Feb 22 22 05:17:12 pm	Yes	Strongly agree				Strongly agree		Strongly agree	
	Mar 12 22 11:57:30 am	Yes	Strongly agree				Strongly agree		Strongly agree	
	Mar 14 22 11:17:23 am	Yes	Neither agree/disagree				Neither agree/disagree		Agree	
	Mar 17 22 12:36:21 pm	Yes	Strongly agree				Agree		Strongly agree	
	Mar 18 22 01:47:39 pm	Yes	Neither agree/disagree				Agree		Neither agree/disagree	
	Mar 19 22 10:58:36 am	Yes	Agree				Neither agree/disagree		Agree	
	Mar 19 22 11:31:22 am	Yes	Agree				Agree		Agree	
	Mar 21 22 04:14:00 pm	Yes	Neither agree/disagree				Neither agree/disagree		Disagree	How would this include weekends as the Council is closed?
	Mar 24 22 09:55:37 am	Yes	Neither agree/disagree				Neither agree/disagree		Neither agree/disagree	
	Apr 14 22 06:00:50 pm	Yes	Agree				Agree		Agree	

Statutory Taxi & Drivate Hire Vehicle Standards stipulates we must update safeguarding and public safety statements. The draft policy has been updated with the following: The Authority has in place arrangements that reflect the importance of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. This includes clear whistleblowing procedures, safe recruitment practices and clear policies for dealing with allegations against people who work with children, as set out in the Working Together to Safeguard Children statutory guidance. The Authority also has effective internal procedures in place for staff to raise concerns and for any concerns to be dealt with openly and fairly. Accordingly, the Authority operates and maintains Whistleblowing, Safeguarding and Safe Recruitment policies. It also operates a clear 'comments, complements complaints' process that anyone can use if they have a concern about any licence holder. To help protect all passengers, this Policy also aims to advise the public on the risks of using unlicensed drivers and vehicles, how to identify the licensed trade and the appropriate measures to take when using these services. A copy of the Department for Transport (DfT) Guidance is available at www.gov.uk/government/publications/statutory-taxi-and-private-hire-vehicle-standardsTo what extent do you agree that the above clearly outlines the requirement?	If you answered disagree or strongly disagree please tell us why below	Statutory Taxi & Drivate Hire Vehicle Standards require changes to our licensing processes for licensed private operators to include a requirement that an up-to-date Basic Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check is carried out on all booking and dispatch staff and operate a policy on the employment of ex-offenders. The draft policy has been updated accordingly and stipulates: • Carry out a Basic DBS check on all booking and dispatch staff and must update their records with every member of staff ensuring records are kept up to date.• Ensure that they have seen the DBS disclosure for each member of staff.•	remain ultimately accountable in this regard. It is not the responsibility of the Authority to undertake any checks and/or attest to the safety and suitability of any persons employed or otherwise used by an Operator. However, Operators are required to: Carry out a Basic DBS check on all booking and dispatch staff and must update their records with every member of staff ensuring records are kept up to	If you answered disagree or strongly disagree please tell us why below	When required to do so, the Council expects applicants and licensed drivers undertake a medical examination that is conducted by their own general practitioner or medical practice. To assist applicants and licensed drivers where this may not be possible, the Council intends to amend the policy to allow the examination to be completed by a suitably qualified medical practitioner but with access to the applicant's full medical history. The draft policy has been updated with the following:The Authority will expect medical examinations must be conducted by the applicant's own general practitioner or medical practice. Where this cannot be achieved the examination must be completed by a suitably qualified medical practitioner with access to the applicant's full medical history. To what extent do you agree that the above clearly outlines the requirement?	If you answered disagree or strongly disagree please tell us why below	To allow for continued changes in vehicle technology, the Council intends to change its licensed vehicle specifications to further support the use of hybrid / electric vehicles where this impacts on the layout and the available space for passengers. The draft policy has been updated to incorporate the following:Depending upon design, electric vehicles may not meet the requested headroom requirements due to the positioning of the battery. Each vehicle (if not already granted) will require full measurement and approval will only be granted on a case-by-case basis after a full assessment has been carried out.To what extent do you agree that the above outlines the requirement?	lf you answered disagree or strongly disagree please tell us why below
Agree		Agree			Strongly disagree	Medical history is private, council shouldn't know or ask for medical history. If DVLA have been informed of an medical issue, then that should be the end of it.	Agree	
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Agree	More should be done to inform the public of licensed and unlicensed drivers and operators	Agree			Strongly agree		Agree	
Agree		Strongly agree			Strongly agree		Strongly agree	All cars must be big enough to take 4 passengers comfortably
Agree		Agree			Agree		Neither agree/disagree	s this the right question for the subject above
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Strongly agree		Strongly agree			Strongly agree		Strongly agree	
Strongly agree		Strongly agree		I feel it should be an enhanced DBS check as they have access to personal information and whereabouts of potentially vulnerable customers	Agree		Strongly disagree	You cannot expect someone to purchase a vehicle on the chance t will be ok the council need to gain these mesauments from manufacturers and put a approved list out not wait for someone to buy the vehicle then see if its OK
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Neither agree/disagree		Agree			Agree		Strongly disagree	Γhis question makes no sense
Agree		Disagree		This would not benefit anyone.	Disagree	The use of any dr should be allowed as long as they have medical records.	Neither agree/disagree	
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No.	Private Hire drivers and operators must confirm their tax responsibilities if applying for a licence for the first time or applying for a licence already held but has not been valid for over a year. This will include the provision of a tax check code to confirm the completion of a tax check if renewing a licence, applying for the same type of licence previously held that ceased to be valid less than a year ago or applying for the first time or applying for a licence daready held but has not been valid for over a year. This will include the provision of a tax check code to confirm the completion of a tax check if renewing a licence, applying for the same type of licence already held with another licensing authority The draft policy has been updated with the following: [From 4 April 2022, where relevant] Confirmation of their tax responsibilities if applying for a licence for the first time or applying for a licence already held but has not been valid for over a year. [From 4 April 2022, where relevant] Confirmation of their tax responsibilities if applying for a licence for the first time or applying for a licence already held but has not been valid for over a year. [From 4 April 2022, where relevant] A tax check code to confirm the completion of a tax check if renewing a licence, applying for a licence for the first time or applying for a licence already held but has not been valid for over a year. [From 4 April 2022, where relevant] A tax check code to confirm the completion of a tax check if renewing a licence, applying for a licence for the first time or applying for a licence for the first time or applying for a licence already held but has not been valid for over a year. [From 4 April 2022, where relevant] A tax check code to confirm the completion of a tax check if renewing a licence, applying for a licence for the first time or applying for a licence previously held that ceased to be valid less than a year ago or applying for the same type of licence previously held that ceased to be valid less than	e Overall to what extent do you agree that the policy is clear and easy to understand?		installation in taxi and private hire
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Nether agreed agarde Nether ag	Agree	Agree	carriages that works the weekends night I would argue that cctv operating in the back of vehicle can cause argumentative issues with customers, and also do we have the police resources to call upon if an incident	No
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Please tell us in the box below the reason for your answer	Some CCTV devices can be manually operated by the driver, including the ability to record audio. Would you be in support of this approach to CCTV recording in taxis and private hire vehicles?	Some CCTV devices have the ability to audio record, would you be support of audio recording in taxi and private hire vehicles?(deleted)	Some CCTV devices have the ability to audio record, would you be support of audio recording in taxi and private hire vehicles?(deleted)	Do you think the introduction of CCTV in taxis and private hire vehicles could have a positive or adverse effect on the safety of taxi and private hire vehicle users, including children and vulnerable adults? Do you think the introduction of CCTV in taxi and private hire vehicles could have a positive or adverse effect on the safety of taxi and private hire vehicle users, including children and vulnerable adults?
I would if the council pay for taxis to put them in, drivers already have touch to pay for.	Yes		It protects the driver and passenger from lies.	Positive
TEST	Yes		TEST	Positive
For the safety of both the Passenger and the drivers.	No		Recording converstions is an invasion of privacy.	Positive
Safety of passengers and drivers	No		I am in support of CCTV but not the ability to record audio, passengers may be having private conversations which should not be recorded.	Positive
Key fob car thefts are at an all time high, most cctv systems, that I know are approved (safe systems by David Lawrie) as soon as the public find out the cost of the system which in this case is £500 it will add stress to each licensed driver over the worry of their only means of income being stolen.	Yes		Threats are made to operating staff and drivers on a regular basis due to the shortage of licensed drivers and extending wait times.	Positive
It invades privacy leaving drivers open to all kinds of accusatiosn of looking up skirts etc. And who is going to pay this? We drivers don't make a loads of money in West lancs so surely there should be some sort of financial support from the council. We simply don't earn enough to afford cctv. It's an unrealistic expectation	No		If the driver operates it again open to the accusation of looking up skirts	Adverse
Driver and passenger safety	No		Not a good idea having to driver have control of camera. It should be biased	Positive
I think it's a good idea, it may help protect drivers from violent customers and protect customers, from the minority of bad apple drivers	Yes		The driver should be able to turn it on	Positive
See previous comment box	No		See previous comment box	Adverse
CCTV makes journeys safer for drivers and passengers alike. However the council will have to be very clear in how long they expect Drivers to keep copies of CCTV images/video. This must be made very clear to the drivers/public whom may make complaints and expect the drivers footage to back up their complaints	Unsure		Again the council would have to very clear in which circumstances they require audio to be on and how long they expect the driver to keep a copy.	Unsure
Puts an burden of harm on the driver as it opens up action from the police and if any of the video footage was show in a case against someone it put the driver in a dangerous situation as they will know the drivers name from the badge the type of car and reg and as most drivers are from the area they operate the drivers address could easily be found and could open the driver up to physical repercussions for handing over the footage. Everyone has a mobile if they feel something is not right with the journey or driver the passanger could record the journey themselves.	No		No a taxi is seen sometimes as a safe space for people to open up and talk to the driver about issues they have	Adverse
Invasion of privacy	No		Invasion of privacy	Adverse
It provides a safe and secure environment for both taxi driver and passenger	No		CCTV should be on for every passenger	Positive
To protect the driver and passengers from things that have been said or done and can be rightly proven by cctv	Yes		To prove what has been wrongly said by either the driver or passenger	Positive
It depends on a couple of things. First of all, who will have to pay for the CCTV equipment and the installation in the vehicle? Will a grant be provided? The cost of everything is rising and is becoming a major issue for the self employed especially. Another expensive requirement to an already expensive job at this point in time will be a massive blow to drivers already feeling the pinch. If it will be provided by the council or by a government grant then I believe it will be more viable. Secondly, from a safeguarding perspective, I think it depends on who has access to the CCTV footage and where it is stored. Will it only be accessible if a complaint is made? If it is stored locally on a flash drive, will the driver be able to access the footage whenever they want from a home PC? This could be especially problematic. I don't think a personal CCTV system maintained and accessible by the driver is a good idea. If the footage is only accessible when it is required by a third	No -		See previous comment	Unsure
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If the cctv is a live feed and to be constantly monitored then this must not happen, if the cctv was only used for for the safety of the driver and passengers then maybe it could be looked into at the expense of the council.	Yes		It really should be up the owner if they feel they require such technology.	Positive
As a taxi driver, I agree with cameras filming the exterior of the car for police incident or insurance purposes, but in general people don't want to be filmed & recorded when they are paying for a premium private service. Also as a driver not once in 16 years have I felt unsafe or threatened by a passengers behaviour	No		I believe cctv especially with audio recording invades people's private & personal space	Adverse
While they are a good idea for the safety of the driver and passengers, there could be instances where a parent could object to their child being filmed. I personally don't have a problem with CCTV in a taxi, I think it safeguards both the driver and the passenger.	Yes		I would agree as long as the driver notifies the passenger that they are going to be recorded whether that is visual, audio or both.	Positive

Please tell us in the box below the reason for your answer	Do you think the introduction of CCTV could have a positive or adverse effect on the privacy of taxi and private hire vehicle users, including children or vulnerable adults? Do you think the introduction of CCTV could have a positive or adverse effect on the privacy of taxi and private hire vehicle users?(deleted)	Please tell us in the box below the reason for your answer	Usertype	Screen name (this will be visible to other users when you post on a forum etc) Are you in full time education?(deleted)	Fir	st name	st name Surname Suburb(de
It protects both driver and passenger.	Positive	Saves drivers from untrue allegations.					
TEST	Positive	TEST					
This will definately add to the safety of everyone in the Taxi.	Positive	You are in a public vehicle, so the same as being on a bus that already have CCTV.					
Safety for both the passenger and driver	Positive	Safety of both the passenger and driver					
All involved are protected in the event of an allegation made		Customers become paranoid as soon as they spot a dash camera and the first thing they ask, does it record their voice.					
The council have no idea of what drivers have to contend with and people just don't like being on cctv it could put drivers in a serious problem situation when it can be avoided	Adverse	Again for ladies down top shots or up skirts shots. It isn't good. People take drugs in taxis, without our consent and knowledge. Ie we just hear a big sniff and we tell them not to do it. If it's on cctv they could start trouble asking for the footage so we can't show it to police etc					
Passengers will feel sate	Positive	Everyone feeling safe					
think CCTV backs up dbs checks and protects passengers and drivers	Unsure	Passengers may be concerned about their privacy but it's a small price to pay for reassurance					
People expect privacy which as I driver I maintain	Adverse	Privacy is the key word					
don't think it would have a positive or adverse impact. The public and vulnerable may feel safer but it won't change the way a driver does their job.	Unsure	I think there will be members of the public whom will hate having CCTV images of them inside the vehicles and will make the drivers aware of this. There will also be members of the public who love it. again the council will have to be clear on how long and where the images and audio should be stored.					
Feel with all the council checks and job booking and tracking driver digital location and job time and route, CCTV would not enhance the safety, also its a electronic device who would cover the cost of the device for damage or malfunction the cost of operating a vehicle is expensive enough	Adverse	There would be no privacy for driver or passanger					
Not sure really	Adverse	Invasion of privacy					
Makes a safer environment	Unsure	I hadn't considered privacy of children or vulnerable adults but shouldn't cause problems.					
Video footage doesn't lie	Positive	Video footage doesn't lie					
I'm not sure. In theory it could have a positive effect for the safety of both especially when it comes to any violent behaviour. However, owing to certain types of people having anxieties and mental health issues, the idea of being filmed and recorded could have a negative impact on their experience in vehicles or make them avoid using taxis and PHV's altogether. Furthermore I think the CCTV should only be active when a a driver has a fare. Most Private Hire drivers use their cars personally as well as for work and would not want to be filmed when using the vehicle with their families or when sitting waiting for a fare.	Adverse	See previous comment.					
Anything that happens in the vehicle is recorded	Positive	If the passenger feels safer then surely they have a better experience .					
Although I think it would positive effect. I think it depends on what kind of cctv is used if the council monitering cctv in a private hire that is being used as a family car then this shouldn't happen. It's not clear about what kind of cctv would ne used.	Positive	Depending on what kind of cctv is to be used , if the cctv is being monitored 24hrs it shouldn't happen as a lot of owners use their cars for private use.					
I don't see what difference it would make , I don't do school contracts , so don't pick up enough vulnerable children/adults to make a valid comment.	Adverse	Adverse, see previous comments					
I believe it to be a positive thing although the privacy of children and vulnerable adults must be taken into account.		Privacy could be an issue particularly for children and vulnerable adults.					

If other, please specify	What is your age?	Please select all of the following that apply to yourself	Email	What age category do you fit into?(deleted)	Response ID
	35 - 44	I live in West Lancashire			
		I work for West Lancashire Borough Council			
	55 - 64	I live in West Lancashire			
	55 - 64	I live in West Lancashire , I am an elected Councillor			
	25 - 34	I live in West Lancashire , I am a West Lancashire Borough Council tenant , I own a business in West Lancashire			
	45- 54	I live in West Lancashire , I am a West Lancashire Borough Council tenant			
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	35 - 44	I live in West Lancashire , I own a business in West Lancashire			
	65 - 74	I live in West Lancashire , I am a West Lancashire Borough Council tenant			