

APPENDIX 12

**TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING
BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE (BPG) AND CURRENT LICENCE CONDITIONS**

Best Practice Guidance Reference	Current Licensing Conditions	Consultations	Council Conditions and Recommended Changes
<p>21. Imported Vehicles – Type Approval Stretch Limousines</p>	<p>35. All Private Hire Vehicle Conditions apply. All vehicles to have a full Department for Transport type approval</p>	<p>Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association wish a return to the licensing conditions effective prior to 1st October 2005. (Appendix 4) Wyre Forest Taxi Association – As per Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association. A mixed fleet of both saloon cars and wheelchair accessible vehicles with a recommendation that all extra licences issued are for wheelchair accessible vehicles only and that existing licence holders that held licences prior to those issued under the deregulation plan, can opt for either saloon cars or wheelchair accessible vehicles. (Appendix 5) Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership – Satisfied with Appendix One. (Appendix 6)</p>	<p>Recommend that: An exception should be made to the policy requiring Stretch Limousines to be red in colour. (Licensing Conditions Appendix 13) Reason: No control over colour during importation.</p>

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		<p>Mrs P. Adams, resident within district Objects to Appendix One. (Appendix 7)</p> <p>Mr John Turley, licensed HC/PH driver and operator – In agreement with Appendix One. (Appendix 8)</p> <p>Bewdley Town Council – No comment. (Appendix 9)</p> <p>Disability Action Wyre Forest – In general contents of Appendix One are acceptable. (Appendix 10)</p> <p>Mr Anthony D. Mills, applicant for Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence - Not in agreement.. (Appendix 11)</p>	
<p>22. Vehicle Testing – Frequency of Tests</p>	<p>14. Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles are tested three times per year</p>	<p>Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association wish a return to the licensing conditions effective prior to October 1st 2005. (Appendix 4)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Taxi Association – as above. (Appendix 5)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership- satisfied with Appendix One. (Appendix 6)</p>	<p>Recommend that: The Council maintains current test requirement to three times per year. (No change) Reason: Enforcement has shown that even with frequent testing some vehicles are unsafe to be on the road.</p>

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		<p>Mrs P Adams, resident within district - No comment. (Appendix 7)</p> <p>Mr John Turley licensed HC/PH driver and operator – No comment. (Appendix 8)</p> <p>Bewdley Town Council – No comment. (Appendix 9)</p> <p>Disability Action Wyre Forest – No comment. (Appendix 10)</p> <p>Mr Anthony D. Mills, applicant for Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence - Not in agreement.. (Appendix 11)</p>	
<p>22. Age Limits for Vehicles</p>	<p>5. All vehicles, when first submitted for licensing, must be less than 2 years old. The upper age for Hackney Carriage Vehicles will be 10 years unless agreed by the Council who may, on a vehicle by vehicle basis, extend this period beyond 10 years dependent on the condition of the vehicle</p>	<p>Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association wish a return to the licensing conditions effective prior to October 1st 2005. (Appendix 4)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Taxi Association – As above. (Appendix 5)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership – Satisfied with Appendix One. (Appendix 6)</p>	<p>Recommend that: Hackney Carriage Vehicles: Maintain the same. (No change) Reason: The Council already has an opportunity to extend the period of licensing. Private Hire Vehicles: Maintain seven (7) year licensing.</p>

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22. Number of Testing Stations	14. Wyre Forest provides one testing station	<p>Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association - No comment. (Appendix 4)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Taxi Association - No comment. (Appendix 5)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership – Satisfied with Appendix One. (Appendix 6)</p> <p>Mrs P. Adams, resident within district – No comment. (Appendix 7)</p>	<p>Recommend that:</p> <p>Maintain one testing station. (No change)</p> <p>Reason:</p> <p>Wyre Forest is a small geographical area.</p> <p>No complaints have been received from the Taxi Trade on the standard of service.</p>

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24. Vehicle Identification	<p>3. The Council's policy requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hackney Carriage Vehicles to be silver in colour • To be purpose built • Private Hire Vehicles to be red in colour <p>Both types to display identification decals</p>	<p>Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association wish a return to the licensing conditions effective prior to October 1st 2005. (Appendix 4)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Taxi Association – As above. (Appendix 5)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership – satisfied with Appendix One. (Appendix 6)</p>	<p>Recommend that:</p> <p>The Council maintains the current policy.</p> <p>(No change)</p> <p>Reason:</p> <p>Decals would seem to pre-empt need for other vehicle identification for private hire, such as telephone numbers.</p>

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<p>39. Drivers - Duration of Licences</p>	<p>Currently, licence drivers to drive Hackney Carriage Vehicles and Private Hire Vehicles on a dual licence renewed every two years</p>	<p>Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association – No comment. (Appendix 4)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Taxi Association – No comment. (Appendix 5)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership – Satisfied with Appendix One. (Appendix 6)</p>	<p>Recommend that:</p> <p>The Council maintains the two (2) year period of licensing as with 240 drivers.</p> <p>(No change)</p> <p>Reason:</p> <p>It follows that if many of the drivers changed to one year, it would lead to increased administration costs.</p>

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45. Medical Criteria	<p>10. Medical checks are made on each driver prior to the initial grant of a driving licence.</p> <p>Group 2 medical standards applied by the DVLA apply.</p> <p>The Group 2 standards preclude the licensing of drivers with insulin treated diabetes</p>	<p>Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association – No comment. (Appendix 4)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Taxi Association – No comment. (Appendix 5)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership – Satisfied with Appendix One. (Appendix 6)</p>	<p>Recommend that:</p> <p>Apply new changes as related to Diabetes type 1 – insulin dependent drivers.</p> <p>(Change. Please see Driving Licence Conditions)</p> <p>Reason:</p> <p>Accords with National Guidance.</p>

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55. Licence Duration - Operators	Renewed annually	<p>Mrs P Adams, resident within district – No comment. (Appendix 7)</p> <p>Mr John Turley, licensed HC/PH driver and operator – No comment. (Appendix 8)</p> <p>Bewdley Town Council – No comment. (Appendix 9)</p> <p>Disability Action Wyre Forest – No comment (Appendix 10)</p> <p>Mr Anthony D. Mills, applicant for Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence – No comment. (Appendix 11)</p>	<p>Recommend that:</p> <p>Move to a five (5) year licence.</p> <p>(Change)</p> <p>Reason;</p> <p>Charges to be levied on a sliding scale according to the number of vehicles operating within the terms of the licence.</p>
		<p>Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association – No comment. (Appendix 4)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Taxi Association – No comment. (Appendix 5)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership – Satisfied with Appendix One. (Appendix 6)</p>	

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Age Limit Drivers	Current policy requires drivers to be aged 21 or over. Drivers of Seventy years of age and over must undertake an annual medical.	<p>Mrs P Adams, resident within district – No comment. (Appendix 7)</p> <p>Mr John Turley, licensed HC/PH driver and operator – No comment. (Appendix 8)</p> <p>Bewdley Town Council – No comment. (Appendix 9)</p> <p>Disability Action Wyre Forest – No comment. (Appendix 10)</p> <p>Mr Anthony D. Mills, applicant for Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence – Not in agreement (Appendix 11)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Taxi Drivers Association – No comment. (Appendix 4)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Taxi Association – No comment. (Appendix 5)</p> <p>Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership – Satisfied with Appendix One. (Appendix 6)</p> <p>Mrs P Adams, resident within district – No comment. (Appendix 7)</p> <p>Mr John Turley, licensed HC/PH driver and operator – No comment. (Appendix 8)</p>	<p>Recommend that:</p> <p>Remains to DVLA Standards (No change)</p> <p>Reason: Accords with National Guidance.</p>

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NB. Driving Licences from EU and EEA Member States are specified within statutory legislation. No power to change.
(Driving Licence Conditions)