

Taxi Licensing

Local Authority Joint Partnership Statement

Date January 2024

Joint Partnership Statement of:

Telford & Wrekin Council
Shropshire Council
City of Wolverhampton Council
South Staffordshire Council

Background

This joint local authority working party, chaired by Telford & Wrekin Council, provides a strategic framework and operational forum covering taxi licensing and enforcement to ensure a consistency of approach and agreed commitments to ensure that public safety continues to be at the heart of decision making and enforcement.

Our aims:

To ensure public safety by:

- Licensing safe vehicles, driven by safe drivers.
- Promoting drivers' safety and security.
- Encouraging the availability of accessible transportation for everyone.
- Regulating in a proportionate manner, having regard to government guidance, ensuring there is a healthy legal trade.
- Ensuring that information is communicated effectively and in a timely manner.
- Ensuring a consistent joint approach to compliance.
- Providing an effective deterrent to non-compliant and illegal taxi and private hire activity.
- Highlighting the consequences of non-compliant and illegal activity through joint publicity.
- Enhancing public confidence in the taxi and private hire trade.
- Demonstrating to the public and the taxi and private hire trade our collective commitment to collaboration.

To meet these aims the Partnership has agreed to fulfil the following commitments:

Our commitments

- Foster effective communication routes between all partnering authorities.
- Improve the operational approach to cross border enforcement exercises and actively support participation.
- Tackle common and emerging compliance issues.
- Adopt a joint collaboration approach to external publicity, including media releases.
- Share information on key decisions and relevant cases.
- Collectively agree an approach to nationally issued taxi and private hire statutory and non-statutory guidance.

Signatories



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On behalf of Telford & Wrekin Council



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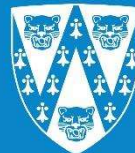
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