

## Community Impact Assessment

### Section 1 – Overview

1. What is the title of the policy?

Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Conditions of Licence pertaining to tinted windows.

2. What are the objectives of the policy?

The objective is to consider and consult with partners, the community and the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire trade on the review of the Council's conditions of licence relating to tinted windows.

3. This policy affects

- Licence Holders
- People who use Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles
- Partners

4. What period does the policy cover?

The condition of licence relating to tinted windows in licensed vehicles will be considered by Members of the Council's Licensing Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

5. Your contact details:

Name of person completing impact assessment and their post	Suzanne Fisher Principal Licensing Officer
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Date	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2020

## Section 2 – Impact Assessment

### a) Community Impact

1. Will the policy contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?

Yes

2. The Policy contributes to the following [Priority Plan Priorities](#)

- Protect and support our most vulnerable children and adults
- Protect and create jobs as a business supporting, business winning council.

3. Will this policy have a significant impact on any of the following groups of people?

People of different ages

[Helpbox - Age](#)

People with ill health or people with a disability

[Helpbox - Disability](#)

People of different gender

[Helpbox - Gender \(Sex\)](#)

People who are transgender

[Helpbox - Transgender](#)

Different racial groups

[Helpbox - Race](#)

People with different religion or beliefs

[Helpbox - Religion or Beliefs](#)

People of different sexual orientation

[Helpbox - Sexual Orientation](#)

Women who are pregnant or breast-feeding

[Helpbox -Pregnancy and Maternity](#)

People that are married or in a civil partnership

[Helpbox - Marriage or Civil Partnership](#)

People affected by deprivation

[Helpbox - people affected by deprivation](#)

	Impact (X)		
	Positive	Negative	None
People of different ages <a href="#">Helpbox - Age</a>	X		
People with ill health or people with a disability <a href="#">Helpbox - Disability</a>	X		
People of different gender <a href="#">Helpbox - Gender (Sex)</a>	X		
People who are transgender <a href="#">Helpbox - Transgender</a>			X
Different racial groups <a href="#">Helpbox - Race</a>			X
People with different religion or beliefs <a href="#">Helpbox - Religion or Beliefs</a>			X
People of different sexual orientation <a href="#">Helpbox - Sexual Orientation</a>			X
Women who are pregnant or breast-feeding <a href="#">Helpbox -Pregnancy and Maternity</a>			X
People that are married or in a civil partnership <a href="#">Helpbox - Marriage or Civil Partnership</a>			X
People affected by deprivation <a href="#">Helpbox - people affected by deprivation</a>			X

#### 4. What is the expected impact?

##### **People of different ages**

This policy will have a positive impact on residents and visitors in Telford of all ages who use licensed vehicles. Passengers will feel safer in a vehicle where they can be seen.

##### **People with ill health or people with a disability**

The policy will have a positive impact on people with ill health or people with a disability as the review looks to include hackney carriage vehicles which are wheel chair accessible. This condition of licence is proposed to ensure public safety and the wellbeing of the passengers and drivers.

##### **People of different gender**

This policy will have a positive impact on young females who according to the Department for Transport Best Practice Guidance on Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing, are one of the largest groups of users of taxis and private hire vehicles.

The review this condition of licence is based on Telford & Wrekin Council's continued commitment to the safety and the quality of its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire service.

Excessively tinted glass restricts a driver's vision, especially in dark conditions. Activities taking place in the vehicle cannot be viewed from the outside posing both a risk to both passengers and driver.

I have no evidence which indicates that this policy will impact on the following characteristics.

**People who are transgender.**

**People with different religion or beliefs**

**People of different sexual orientation**

**Women who are pregnant or breastfeeding**

**People that are married or in a civil partnership**

**People affected by deprivation.**

A 28 day consultation will be carried out before the policy is implemented with the taxi trade, partner organisations, Councillors, Town & Parish Councils, Residents Associations, Community Associations and Disability Forums. In addition the consultation will be published on the Council's website.

### **Section 3 – Mitigating Actions**

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If the proposed change to the condition relating to the type of vehicle which the Council will licence as a Hackney Carriage is implemented, more drivers will be trained in relation to their responsibilities under the Equality Act 2010.

The policy contributes to the following aims of the General Equality Duty;

- **advance equality of opportunity**
- **foster good relations between different groups**

### **Section 4 – Review and Monitoring**

1. From what date will this policy be implemented?

Any amendments to conditions of licences resulting from the Licensing Committee hearing on 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 will not be implemented until after the 28 day consultation has finished.
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2. When will the actual impacts of the policy be monitored and reviewed?

The impacts of the condition of licence will be reviewed after a period of 12 months from implementation.
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3. How will the actual impact of the policy be monitored and reviewed?

Any changes to the Council's conditions of licence resulting from this policy will be monitored by the Licensing Service in relation to data retained on licensed drivers and licensed vehicles on the Council's Licensing databases. This will include the numbers and types of vehicles licenced and nature of complaints from service users relating to drivers and/or vehicles.