

Appendix B

Officer response to consultation response received

Appendix Letter/ Document Number	Para. No.	Included in Revised Policy [Y/N or In Part]	Officer Comments Explanatory Notes
1	1	N	The current policy sets out the requirements for the wearing of seat belts. There is nothing in the policy to prevent the consultee from using a 'wear your seat belt' sign withing their vehicle.
2	1	In Part	The Emissions/Age restrictions section of the policy has been revised taking into consideration the consultees response for Hackney Carriage Vehicles.
3	1	In Part	The Emissions/Age restrictions section of the policy has been revised taking into consideration the consultees response for Hackney Carriage Vehicles.
4	1	In Part	The Emissions/Age restrictions section of the policy has been revised taking into consideration the consultees response for Hackney Carriage Vehicles.
5	1	N	Comments noted.
6	1	In Part	The Emissions/Age restrictions section of the policy has been revised taking into consideration the consultees response for Hackney Carriage Vehicles.
7	1	N	The Emissions/Age restrictions section of the policy has not been revised to take into consideration the consultees response, officers consider the existing Emissions/Age restrictions are suitable for hybrid vehicles.
8	1	N	Comments noted.
9	1 to 3	In Part	The Emissions/Age restrictions section of the policy has been revised taking into consideration the consultees response for Hackney Carriage Vehicles.
9	4	In Part	The Emissions/Age restrictions section of the policy has been revised taking into consideration the consultees response for Private Hire Vehicles.
9	5 to 7	N	The Safety section of the policy has not been amended; officers consider that the consultees proposal would potentially reduce the safety of licenced vehicles.

9	8	N	Every allegation of plying for hire is investigated and appropriate action is taken in accordance with the Council's Better Regulation and Enforcement Policy.
9	9 to 10	N	There is nothing in the law which allows the Council to set a fare structure for Private Hire Operators.
10	1	N	Comments noted.
11	1	In Part	The Emissions/Age restrictions section of the policy has been revised taking into consideration the consultees response.
12	1	N	The Safety section of the policy has not been amended; officers consider that the consultees proposal would potentially reduce the safety of licenced vehicles.
13	1	N	Comments noted.
14	1 to 3	N	Comments noted.
14	4	N	Comments noted.
14	5	In Part	The Emissions/Age restrictions section of the policy has been revised taking into consideration the consultees response to emissions. The Safety section of the policy has not been amended; officers consider that any reduction in NCAP ratings would potentially reduce the safety of licenced vehicles.
15	1	N	Comments noted.
16	1	N	Shropshire Council has previously consulted on the use of CCTV in licensed vehicles. Information received from West Mercia Police did not indicate a positive or negative effect on the safety of taxi and private hire users. As a result, the proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2023-2027 encourages proprietors of licensed vehicles to install CCTV providing such systems are installed in accordance with the appropriate legal framework and the Council has been notified, in writing, of their intention to do so.
17	1 to 3	In Part	The Emissions/Age restrictions section of the policy has been revised taking into consideration the consultees response to emissions.
17	4 to 6	N	The Transfer of Licence (change of vehicle) section of the policy has not been amended. Officers consider that replacing a vehicle with an 'identical make, model and age of vehicle' would be too restrictive.

