



Consultee,

Date: 3rd October 2016

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Dear Licence Holder / Consultee

BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY

A report was considered by the Licensing Committee at its meeting on 19th September 2016, for the introduction of a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, which will amalgamate all the policies. The council has a set number of policies and conditions, which at present these are not contained within one formal document they are only available within committee reports and minutes, and in guidance notes to new applicants and the existing licensed trade

There is however a few matters which need addressing and introducing as part of the policy document.

The full policy document can be viewed on the Councils website on:-

<http://blackburn.cmis.uk.com/blackburn/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1468/Committee/375/Default.aspx>

The Committee approved that the following matters be the subject of a public consultation.

- Vehicle requirements, Individual vehicle Approval (IVA)
- DBS update service
- Certificates of Good Conduct.
- Knowledge tests
- Safeguarding training
- Non Standard Operators
- Penalty point scheme (adoption)
- Bodywork Standards (Supplementary Testing Manual)

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council welcomes consultation responses from as wide a range of interested parties as possible.

Attached to this letter are the details of the taxi matters that are currently under consultation and a questionnaire that should be used to form the basis of consultation responses.

Please note the consultation is open until **30th November 2016**. Any comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the review.

All responses should be returned to with the subject heading "Consultation Response"

publicprotection@blackburn.gov.uk

or Public Protection (Licensing)
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council,
Town Hall
King William Street,
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Thank you for taking the time to consider this consultation.

The review is being undertaken to ensure that Blackburn with Darwen Council has the necessary policies in place to ensure its licensed trade has the appropriate skills, knowledge and vehicle standards to deliver a safe and high quality licensed taxi trade.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D M Riding". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Donna Riding
Principal Licensing Officer