

Responses to Consultation

Responses from County Consultation (conducted by Cheltenham Borough Council):

Mr Peter Hopper, Gloucestershire Constabulary – fully supports the County approach.

There were no further comments.

Responses from Cotswold District Council consultation:

A total of 5 responses were received.

Delegations for decisions	Officer Appraisal
All decisions must include agreement with an elected member elected member: no decision should be made solely by officers elected member	The DfT Statutory Standards state that Officers should have delegated powers to immediately revoke if they are concerns jeopardising public safety
Agree	
Support	

Frequency of DBS Checks (every 6 months)	Officer Appraisal
ok	
Quite happy with this as long as there is no extra cost.	No additional cost – this is covered by the mandatory requirement to be registered for the DBS online update service
Support	

Time period to report arrests, charges and offences (48 hours)	Officer Appraisal
ok	
Agree	
Support	

How to complain signage	Officer Appraisal
Should be prominently displayed	This is a requirement of the policy
I would not want any more signage in my vehicle.	The DfT Standards insist on this requirement in the interest of public safety
Why .. !	The DfT Standards insist on this requirement in the interest of public safety
Support	

Immediate suspension of licences to be delegated to Officer	Officer Appraisal
	The majority of licence reviews would be referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee. In the interests of public safety where an immediate suspension or revocation is necessary the DfT Statutory Standards request the Office to have delegated powers
There must be endorsement from elected member	
Agree	
The immediate suspension of licences to be delegated to Officers were not robust enough.	

Language Proficiency	Officer Appraisal
Drivers must display good command of English	
Strongly agree	
too late	
Support	

Safeguarding and Disability Awareness Training – suspension if failed/not attended	Officer Appraisal
Essential	
Agree	
Disagree / if a refresher course are required / should be able to complete via a online form /saving time and money	Online courses are being researched. At present, the course is at Cheltenham
Support	

Diabetes medical requirement	Officer Appraisal
Applicants with underlying health conditions must declare them upon application	
Agree	
Support	

DBS checks for vehicle proprietors	Officer Appraisal
Essential	
Agree	
already in place	Only if a licensed driver
Support	

DBS checks for Private Hire Operators	Officer Appraisal
Essential	
Agree	
Support	

DBS check for Private Hire Operator booking and dispatch staff	Officer Appraisal
Essential	
All dispatch staff regardless of private or public hire should be checked.	
why	To ensure that all staff's criminal background involved in the booking and carrying out of the journey are checked
Support	

Use of National Refusal and Revocation Register (NR3)	Officer Appraisal
Should be used	
Agree	
Support	

Revised Convictions Policy	Officer Appraisal
OK	
Agree	
Support	

Should CCTV should be made mandatory at a later date	Please provide any evidence you may have to support your view on CCTV being mandatory
Yes	Seems to provide more security for hirers
No	
No	Is this for PH and hackney !
Yes	The Parish Council supports the proposed standardised policy and, in particular, the proposal for CCTV to be installed in all vehicles in order to provide increased safety for passengers and drivers alike.
Yes	

Officer Appraisal regarding CCTV:

This was a general question to 'test the water'. A full study will be conducted at a later date.