DFT Statutory Taxi and PH Vehicle Standards with Proposed/Revised DCC Taxi Policy

The table below shows the recommendations set out by the Department for Transport Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards (July 2020) and where these are referenced within the proposed Durham County Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.

DFT Statutory Taxi and PH Vehicle Standards	Proposed DCC Taxi Policy
Paragraphs 4.12 and 4.13 pages 13 and 14 – Licensee self- reporting	Appendix 1 section 2 continuing suitability / renewal process pages 27 and 28
Paragraphs 4.20 to 4.25 pages 15 and 16 – Sharing licensing information with other licensing authorities	Appendix 1, paragraph g) National Register of Taxi Licence Refusals and Revocations (NR3) page 27
Paragraphs 4.29 to 4.33 page 17 – complaints against licensees	Section 14 page 12 – Complaints procedure Appendix 3, point 1.10 page 46 (complaint sticker)
Paragraphs 4.34 to 4.36 page 18 – Overseas convictions	Appendix 1, paragraph f) suitability page 27
Paragraphs 5.12 to 5.14 page 21 – Fit and proper test	Appendix 2, pages 32 and 33
Paragraphs 5.15 to 5.17 page 22 – Criminal convictions and rehabilitation Pages 35 and 36 – assessment of previous convictions	Appendix 2 pages 32 to 43
Paragraphs 6.1 to 6.3 page 23 – Criminality checks for drivers	Appendix 1, paragraph f) suitability page 27
Paragraph 6.3 page 23 - In the interests of public safety, licensing authorities should not, as part of their policies, issue a licence to any individual that appears on either barred list	Appendix 2, Page 42 Barred list

Paragraph 6.5 page 23 – safeguarding awareness	Appendix 1 paragraph e) Safeguarding including CSE awareness page 26
Paragraphs 6.14 and 6.15 page 25 – language proficiency	Appendix 1 paragraph c) Driver Knowledge and Locality Tests page 24
Paragraphs 7.2 to 7.6 pages 26 and 27 – criminality checks for vehicle proprietors	Section 15 Vehicle Licence Holders pages 12 and 13
Paragraphs 7.7 to 7.13 pages 27 and 28 – in vehicle visual and audio recording (CCTV)	As part of the public consultation, we are asking if CCTV should be mandatory in licensed vehicles. Following the outcome of the consultation the policy will be amended accordingly
Paragraph 7.14 and 7.15 page 28 – Stretched Limousines	Section 16, paragraph 16.31 Stretched Limousines page 17
Paragraphs 8.2 to 8.6 pages 29 and 30 – criminality checks for private hire vehicle operators	Section 21 page 19 and Appendix 5 page 56 – Private Hire Operator
Paragraphs 8.7 to 8.12 pages 30 and 31 – booking and dispatch staff	Appendix 5 paragraphs 1.13 to 1.17 pages 58 to 59
Paragraphs 8.13 to 8.15 page 31 – record keeping	Appendix 5 paragraphs 1.1 and 1.18 page 56 and 59
Paragraph 8.16 and 8.17 pages 31 and 32 – use of passenger carrying vehicles (PCV) licensed drivers	Appendix 5 paragraph 1.19 page 59
Section 9 – Enforcing the Licensing Regime pages 33 and 34	Appendix 7 pages 67 to 69