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Consultation on proposal to revise the Council's entry age requirements for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles.

Consultation on proposal to require drivers of Hackney Carriage Vehicles to be able to accept payment by both cash and electronic payments.

The Council is seeking views on a proposal to revise the entry age requirement for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles in the borough.

The current council vehicle specification and conditions requires vehicles to be licensed before their 5th 'Birthday' from first registration date as detailed on the V5 Logbook. A proposal has been received suggesting that the vehicle entry age for standard saloons be increased, so that vehicles have to be licensed before their 8th 'Birthday' from first registration date, as shown on the V5 Logbook, bring this in line with the current age entry requirement for wheelchair accessible vehicles.

In order to gauge your comments on this proposal we would invite you to complete the following questionnaire on this matter

1. I am responding to this consultation as: *

- ☐ A licence holder of the hackney carriage (taxi) and private hire licensed trade in Caerphilly CBC
- ☐ A Caerphilly County Borough Council resident
- ☐ A local business
- ☐ An elected member
- ☐ Other

2. If other, please write in: *

3. If responding as a member of the public, how many times in the last six months have you used hackney carriage and private hire vehicles within Caerphilly county borough? *

☐ 10+

☐ 5-9

☐ 1-4

☐ Less often

4. If responding as a licensed driver or hackney carriage vehicle proprietor, please enter your driver or hackney carriage vehicle licence number below. *

5. Having read the supporting information, should the council's existing vehicle entry age requirement for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles (currently under 5 years) be revised? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Don't know

6. Please give reasons for your response above. *

7. What would you consider to be the benefits of changing the council's vehicle entry age for hackney carriage or private hire vehicles? *

- ☐ Benefits for the licensed trade – please specify below
- ☐ Benefits for the members of the public – please specify below

8. Please specify your answer : *

9. If you agree that the council's vehicle age policy should be revised, should the vehicle entry age requirement be revised to allow vehicles to be licensed up to 8 years of age from the date of first registration? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

10. Please give reasons for your response above. *

11. If you do not agree with the proposed revised vehicle age requirement above, what age requirement should the council consider as an alternative? *

**12. We also want to gauge your views and receive your comments on a proposal which would require drivers of hackney carriage vehicles (taxi's) to have the ability to accept payment from passengers both by cash and electronic means / card.
Do you agree or disagree that drivers of hackney carriage vehicles (taxi's) should have the ability to accept payment by both cash and electronic means?**

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- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree

13. Please give reasons for your response above *

14. What would you consider to be the benefits of introducing a mandatory requirement that drivers of hackney carriage vehicles must offer passengers the ability to pay by both cash and electronically / card. *

- ☐ Benefits to the trade - please specify below
- ☐ Benefits to the public - please specify below

15. Please specify your answer *

16. If drivers of hackney carriage vehicles (taxi's) were required to have the ability to accept payments by both cash and electronic means, what time period should be permitted for hackney carriage vehicle drivers to comply with this requirement? *

- ☐ Up to 3 months
- ☐ 3-6 months
- ☐ 6-12 months
- ☐ Not

17. Please give your reasons for your response above *

- 18. If you feel that you would be affected by these proposal, either positively or negatively because of a protected characteristic, (age, disability, ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, marital status, religious belief or non-belief, use of Welsh language, BSL or other languages, nationality or responsibility for any dependents or because you or a member of your household are or have been a member of the armed forces) please detail below: ***

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