

EIA STAGE 1 – SCREENING ASSESSMENT

PROJECT DETAILS

Name of project or policy:
Taxi Licensing - Existing policy amendments in line with guidance issued by the Department for Transport

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Specific Service Area/Policy: Licensing	Date of EIA (Stage 1): 29/11/21

Brief outline of proposal and the overall aims/purpose of making this change:
the Department for Transport issued its new statutory taxi and private hire vehicle standards guidance document in July 2020. The document sets out a framework of policies that, under section 177(4) of the Policing and Crime Act 2017, licensing authorities "must have regard" to when exercising their functions relating to the private hire and hackney carriage trades. These functions include developing, implementing, and reviewing their taxi and private hire vehicle licensing regimes.

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Theme	Calculated Scores						Stage 2 Assessment Required
	Proposal	Impact	P + I	Mitigation	Evidence	M + E	
Equalities	6	5.3	11.3	5	0	5	Yes
Environment		4.6	4.6	5	2	7	No

NATURE OF CHANGE

WHAT IS YOUR PROPOSAL?	Please select YES or NO
To introduce a service, activity or policy (i.e. start doing something)	NO
To remove a service, activity or policy (i.e. stop doing something)	NO
To reduce a service or activity (i.e. do less of something)	NO
To increase a service or activity (i.e. do more of something)	NO
To change a service, activity or policy (i.e. redesign it)	YES
To start charging for (or increase the charge for) a service or activity (i.e. ask people to pay for or to pay more for something)	NO

WHAT LEVEL OF IMPACT DO YOU THINK YOUR PROPOSAL WILL HAVE ON...	Level of Impact Please select from drop down
Kirklees employees within this service/directorate? (overall)	Positive
Kirklees residents living in a specific ward/local area?	Negative
Please tell us which area/ward will be affected:	All Wards
Residents across Kirklees? (i.e. most/all local people)	Negative
Existing service users ?	Not known

Each of the following groups?		Please select from drop down
<i>(Think about how your proposal might affect, either positively or negatively, any individuals/communities. Please consider the impact for both employees and residents - within these protected characteristic groups).</i>		
...age	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...disability	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...gender reassignment	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...marriage/ civil partnership	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...pregnancy & maternity	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...race	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Negative
...religion & belief	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Negative
...sex	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Negative
...sexual orientation	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral
...those in poverty or low-come	What impact is there on Kirklees employees /internal working practices?	Neutral
	What impact is there on Kirklees residents /external service delivery?	Neutral

...unpaid carers

What impact is there on Kirklees **employees**/internal working practices?

Neutral

What impact is there on Kirklees **residents**/external service delivery?

Neutral

WHAT LEVEL OF IMPACT DO YOU THINK YOUR PROPOSAL WILL HAVE ON...		Level of Impact	
		Please select from drop down	
Kirklees Council's internal practices ?		Positive	
Lifestyles of those who live and work in Kirklees?		Neutral	
Practices of suppliers to Kirklees council?		Neutral	
Practices of other partners of Kirklees council?		Neutral	
Each of the following environmental themes ? (Please select from the drop down list)			
	People	Partners	Places
...clean air (including Climate Changing Gases)	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
	Score: 2	Score: 2	Score: 2
...Clean and plentiful water	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
	Score: 2	Score: 2	Score: 2
... Wildlife and habitats	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
	Score: 2	Score: 2	Score: 2
...Resilience to harm from environmental hazards	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
	Score: 2	Score: 2	Score: 2
... Sustainability and efficiency of use of resources from nature	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
	Score: 2	Score: 2	Score: 2
...Beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
	Score: 2	Score: 2	Score: 2
... Resilience to the effects of climate change	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
	Score: 2	Score: 2	Score: 2
...Production, recycling or disposal of waste	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
	Score: 2	Score: 2	Score: 2
... Exposure to chemicals	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
	Score: 2	Score: 2	Score: 2

HOW ARE YOU USING ADVICE AND EVIDENCE/INTELLIGENCE TO HELP YOU?

Please select YES or NO

Equality Themes

Have you taken any **specialist advice** linked to your proposal? (Legal, HR etc)? Yes

...employees? Yes

Do you have any **evidence/intelligence** to support your assessment (in section 2) of the impact of your proposal on... Yes

...Kirklees residents?

...service users? Yes

...any protected characteristic groups? Yes

Please list your **equalities** evidence/intelligence here [you can include hyperlinks to files/research/websites]:
Although the licensing service do not collect ethnicity data for its licence holders, knowledge and experience show that a significant proportion of the private hire and hackney carriage trades in Kirklees are from an ethnic minority background.

Likewise, although the service do not collect data on the gender make up of its licence holders, knowledge and experience show that a significant proportion of the private hire and hackney carriage trades in Kirklees are males.

Please select from drop down

To what extent do you feel you are able to mitigate any potential negative impact of your proposal outlined on the different groups of people? TO SOME EXTENT

To what extent do you feel you have considered your Public Sector Equality Duty? TO SOME EXTENT

Environmental Themes

Have you taken any **specialist advice** linked to your proposal? No

...Kirklees Council practices? Yes

Do you have any **evidence/intelligence** to support your assessment (in section 2) of the impact of your proposal on... Yes

...resident and worker lifestyles?

...Practices of Supplier to Kirklees Council? Yes

...Practices of other Kirklees Council partners? Yes

Please list your environmental evidence/intelligence here [you can include hyperlinks to files/research/websites]:
The standards as set out by the DfT are aimed at improving safeguarding within the private hire and hackney carriage trades. There is no evidence / intelligence to suggest the proposed changes will impact on Environmental matters, the department for Transport's own Impact assessment at 6.3 also states the DfT do not anticipate there being a significant direct effect on air quality.

Please select from drop down

To what extent do you feel you are able to mitigate any potential negative impact of your proposal on the environmental issues identified? TO SOME EXTENT