

Appendix B

7.12 CCTV

The Council recommends the use of CCTV systems in vehicles for the safety of both the driver and passenger.

CCTV or any other image recording device may be used within a Hackney Carriage subject to the Council being given prior notification of the installation.

CCTV systems must comply with the current data protection requirements as directed by the Information Commissioner.

Where CCTV is installed in a vehicle, there must be a minimum of 2 signs which are clearly visible to passengers, advising them of the presence of CCTV.

CCTV systems must be capable of storing image/audio files in a manner which prevents them being downloaded or viewed by the driver or any other person travelling in the vehicle.

The storage device must be encrypted and image/audio files may only be downloaded by an authorised officer of the Council or a Police Constable. The CCTV system supplier shall furnish the Council with de-encryption software at no cost to the Council, along with a lifetime licence for the use of such software as may be required.

7.13 Display of external plates

Where a private hire vehicle is of exceptional quality and is to be used exclusively for executive hire work, the proprietor may apply for an exemption from the requirements to display the licence plate on the exterior of the vehicle and the private hire door stickers.

Such applications will be considered at the next scheduled meeting of the General Licensing Committee.

The Committee will take into account factors including, but not restricted to:

- The make and model of the vehicle
- The exceptional condition of the vehicle, including the bodywork and interior passenger accommodation
- Whether any particular contracts rely on the specific use of the vehicle.
- The nature of the Operator's business
- How and where the vehicle is advertised and marketed

The Committee will not take into account the personal or financial circumstances of a proprietor when considering a departure from this policy

7.14 Application procedure

Applicants, whose vehicle has not been licensed as a Private Hire vehicle by the Council previously, must contact the Licensing Unit before submitting any paperwork to make arrangements for the vehicle to be inspected.

The Council invites applications from vehicle proprietors via the on-line forms that can be found on its website.