



**Glasgow City Council**

**Licensing and Regulatory Committee**

**Report by Director of Legal and Administration**

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**Item 3**

**10th June 2026**

**CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982  
TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR CONDITIONS**

**Purpose of Report:**

To advise Members of the outcome of the Taxi Conditions, Working Group and separately the Private Hire Car Conditions, Working Group.

**Recommendations:**

Members are asked to:-

- (1) Note the terms of the report;
- (2) Consider approving the revised Taxi Conditions as detailed in Appendix 2;
- (3) Consider approving the revised Private Hire Car Conditions as detailed in Appendix 4; and
- (4) If the revised Conditions in relation to (2) and (3) above are approved, to consider the period of implementation for the Conditions to come into effect.

Ward No(s):

Citywide: ✓

Local member(s) advised: Yes  No

consulted: Yes  No

## **1 Background**

- 1.1 The Licensing Authority regulates the licensing of Taxis and separately Private Hire Cars under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 (“the **Act**”). As part of this process, the Licensing Authority can impose conditions on Taxi and Private Hire Car licences.
- 1.2 In terms of the current conditions attached to a Taxi licence and separately a Private Hire Car licence, these have not been fully reviewed by the Licensing Authority for a period of approximately 15 years.
- 1.3 Members will be aware that while there is no statutory requirement to review conditions attached to a Taxi licence and separately a Private Hire Car licence, it is good practice to do so to ensure the conditions attached to a licence remain appropriate.

## **2 Current Position**

- 2.1 In light of the Taxi licence conditions and separately the Private Hire Car conditions last being fully reviewed approximately 15 years ago, the Licensing Section at a meeting of the Taxi and Private Hire Car Trade Group, held on 17 December 2025 and separately on 15 January 2026, asked for representatives to join a Working Group to review Taxi licence conditions and separately Private Hire Car conditions. Members of the Taxi and Private Hire Car Trade Group are representatives from the following organisations: Glasgow City Council Taxi and Private Hire Enforcement and Inspection Section, City Cars, North Radio Cars, App Drivers and Couriers Union, Pacific Cars, Thornliebank Cars, Uber, Bolt, Unite the Union, GMB Union, GlasGo, Glasgow Taxis, Scottish Ethnic Private Hire Welfare Association (SEPHWA) Scotland, United Private Hire Drivers (UPHD), Glasgow Taxis, Glasgow Taxi Owners Federation, and Scottish Private Hire Association (SPHA).
- 2.2 Of the above organisations, the Licensing Section received volunteers for the Taxi Working Group from the following organisations: Glasgow Taxis, Unite the Union Glasgow Cab Section and Glasgow City Council’s Taxi and Private Hire Enforcement and Inspection Section. In addition, the Licensing Section received volunteers for the Private Hire Car Working Group from the following organisations: City Cars, SPHA and Glasgow City Council’s Taxi and Private Hire Enforcement and Inspection Section. Police Scotland was also invited by the licensing officer, and officers from Police Scotland attended each Working Group.
- 2.3 There were three meetings of each Working Group. Each Working Group meeting was chaired by the Licensing Legal Manager. Each Working Group meeting took place within the City Chambers on 6 February 2026, 6 March 2026 and 16 April 2026. The meetings for each Working Group generated a range of views, with a great deal of respect shown by all representatives for the different perspectives on licensing conditions.
- 2.4 Representatives of each Working Group were subsequently emailed from the Licensing Section on 27 April 2026 with a copy of a tracked changes document which showed the current Taxi or separately Private Hire Car conditions together

with the proposed revisions, on the same document, and separately a "clean" document which provided the Working Group representatives with the proposed revised conditions which would be put before this Committee for consideration. The representatives were given until 11 May 2026, by the Licensing Section, to provide any further comments on the proposed revised conditions. No comments were received from the Working Group representatives seeking any further amendments to the proposed revised conditions for either a Taxi licence or separately a Private Hire Car licence.

2.5 The current conditions for a Taxi licence can be viewed at Appendix 1 to this report. The proposed revised conditions, as drafted by the Taxi Working Group, can be viewed at Appendix 2. Members should be aware that the main changes to the Taxi licence conditions are in relation to the following:

- The age of an operator;
- The reporting process, to licensing, where there is a change to the operator's details (this aligns with the driver conditions);
- Condensing the conditions relating to taximeter requirements;
- Deletion of conditions that were requirements on a driver, not an operator.
- Removal of the requirement for a fire extinguisher to be within the vehicle.  
*New conditions 19 to 23 which include:*
- CCTV, to mirror the requirements on an operator under the Licensing Authority's Installation and Use of CCTV Systems in Licensed Taxis and Private Hire Cars;
- That the operator cannot carry out any modifications to the Taxi unless such have been approved by the Licensing Authority;
- That the operator shall not obstruct an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or police officer from carrying out their lawful duties under the 1982 Act; and
- That the operator who ceases to act as such shall, within seven days thereafter, surrender his licence to the Licensing Authority.

2.6 The current conditions for a Private Hire Car licence can be viewed at Appendix 3 to this report. The proposed revised conditions, as drafted by the Private Hire Car Working Group can be viewed at Appendix 4 to this report. Members should be aware that the main changes to the Private Hire Car licence conditions are in relation to the following:

- The age of an operator;
- The reporting process, to licensing, where there is a change to the operator's details (this aligns with the driver conditions);
- Condensing the conditions relating to taximeter requirements, where a Private Hire Car is fitted with one;
- Deletion of conditions that were requirements on a driver, not an operator;
- Removal of the requirement for a fire extinguisher to be within the vehicle; and

- Revised condition that the operator who ceases to act as such shall, within seven days thereafter, surrender his licence to the Licensing Authority.  
*New conditions 16 to 20 which include:*
- CCTV, to mirror the requirements on an operator under the Licensing Authority's Installation and Use of CCTV Systems in Licensed Taxis and Private Hire Cars;
- That the operator cannot carry out any modifications to the Private Hire Car unless such have been approved by the Licensing Authority;
- That the operator shall not obstruct an authorised officer of the Licensing Authority or police officer from carrying out their lawful duties under the 1982 Act; and
- Protective Screens, to mirror the requirements on an operator under the Licensing Authority's current Policy on Protective Screens.

2.7 If Members were to approve the revised conditions, Members should consider whether there should be an implementation period for introducing the conditions for Taxi licence grant applications and separately Private Hire Car licence grant applications, together with renewal applications for each type of licence.

### 3 Policy and Resource Implications

#### Resource Implications:

*Financial:* None

*Legal:* The Licensing Authority is able review and amend conditions under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

*Personnel:* None

*Procurement:* None

**Council Strategic Plan:** Not Applicable

#### Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

*Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2025-29? Please specify.* Not Applicable

*What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?*

*Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.*

**Climate Impacts:**

*Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:* Not Applicable

*What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?*

*Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?*

**Privacy and Data Protection Impacts**

*Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report?* No

*If yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out.* Not applicable

**4 Recommendations**

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