

# Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Newsletter

July 2017

## Trade Representative Nominations Update

Following the request for Trade Representative nominations in our February newsletter, a total of 4 nominations were received. These were all seconded and confirmed. Due to the low number of nominations, an election process will not be instigated at this time.

Details of the current Trade Representatives and contact details:

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## Payment for licences by employers

If employers will be paying for licences by card payment, to avoid unnecessary delays,

this will need to be completed prior to the appointment, by phone.

## Grant Funding

Wiltshire Council work closely with new and growing businesses within Wiltshire. SME Growth is being delivered by Swindon and Wiltshire councils, and coordinated by The Enterprise Network (TEN), a Wiltshire Council initiative to nurture new and growing businesses. They offer free, bespoke advice and support to individuals who wish to start a business and existing businesses who are looking to grow. If you are facing barriers to business growth or believe a small grant could help to develop your business, please contact Economy and Enterprise on 01225 402096.

## Fit & Proper Policy review update

As advised in previous newsletters we are in the process of reviewing The Council's Fit & Proper Policy for licensed drivers. There are currently two policies in place, one for new applicants and one for existing drivers. We are proposing to change this to one policy that covers all drivers.

Following consultation on this document, the report has been delayed to allow time for further investigation.

# Equality Act 2010 Update

The Equality Act was updated in February; the update to this act will require a list of all designated WAV vehicles to be maintained and available to the public. In addition to this all drivers who do not wish to convey wheelchairs will need to apply for an exemption.

Drivers of designated vehicles will be required to:-

- to carry the passenger while in the wheelchair;
- not to make any additional charge for doing so;
- if the passenger chooses to sit in a passenger seat to carry the wheelchair;
- to take such steps as are necessary to ensure that the passenger is carried in safety and reasonable comfort; and
- To enable the passenger to get into or out of the vehicle;
- If the passenger wishes to remain in the wheelchair, to enable the passenger to get into and out of the vehicle while in the wheelchair;
- To load the passenger's luggage into or out of the vehicle;
- If the passenger does not wish to remain in the wheelchair, to load the wheelchair into or out of the vehicle.

Before the list can be published drivers will be invited to apply for exemption and where appropriate these will be issued.

Once exemptions have been issued the list will be published.

Any drivers of vehicles on the list will then be subject to the duties laid out above.

Full details of the changes can be found at [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/593350/access-for-wheelchair-users-taxis-and-private-hire-vehicles.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/593350/access-for-wheelchair-users-taxis-and-private-hire-vehicles.pdf)

# Removal of Private Hire Zones

We have taken legal advice and been notified that the four existing zones North, South, East & West should not apply to private hire licences.

We will therefore be removing the zone prefixes on private hire licences. This will mean that all private hire licences cover the whole of the Wiltshire Council area.

Arrangements have been put in place to update private hire licences and all Private Hire Operators have been notified of the change.

This does not have any effect on hackney carriage licences and these will remain zoned.

Where drivers hold dual licences they will be able to drive private hire vehicles licensed within the whole of the Wiltshire Council area, but will only be able to drive hackney carriages within the zone that they are licensed.

# New Rules – Child Car Seats

New rules were introduced for manufacturers of child car seats from 9 February 2017. These do not apply to existing booster seats.

A child can travel without a child car seat in the following circumstances:

## Taxis and minicabs (private hire vehicles)

If the driver doesn't provide the correct child seat, children can travel without one – but only if they can travel on a rear seat:

- They must wear a adult seat belt if they're 3 or older.
- Without a seat belt if they're under 3

Further information can be found at: [www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules](http://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules)

## Changes to Licence Fees

(Please note: This table only contains fees that have changed, for a full list of fees for 2017/2018 please see our website)

Hackney Carriage Vehicle - Initial Licence	£208.00
Hackney Carriage Vehicle - Annual Renewal	£196.00
Hackney/Private Hire Drivers - 3 year Initial Application	£253.00
Hackney/Private Hire Drivers - 3 year	£231.00
Hackney/Private Hire Drivers - 3 year - Payment Plan	£81.00
Hackney/Private Hire Drivers Monthly Licence Fee (for licences limited by Immigration Act only)	£20.00
Private Hire Drivers - 3 year Initial Application	£253.00
Private Hire Drivers - 3 year	£231.00
Private Hire Drivers - 3 year - Payment Plan	£81.00
Private Hire Vehicle - Initial Licence	£208.00
Private Hire Vehicle - Annual Renewal	£196.00
Private Hire Operator - 5 year	£467.00
Private Hire Operator - 5 year - Payment Plan	£98.00
DBS Fee	£57.50
LOLER Certs	£69.00 + VAT

## Heathrow Airport Authorised Vehicle Area

Heathrow has opened an Authorised Vehicle Area providing private hire vehicles and licensed taxis with access to toilets, vending and a smoking area.

This facility is permitted for use prior to a passenger pick-up from a Multi Storey Car Park.

Located on the Northern Perimeter Road, Middlesex, TW6 2EQ

Sat nav: +51.48018 -0.45504

Open 7 days a week from 05:00.

Last entry 23:45.

Further info can be found on their website at:

[www.heathrow.com/ava](http://www.heathrow.com/ava)

### Link to interactive roadworks map

There is a direct link from the Wiltshire Council website to the interactive roadworks map for Wiltshire, this shows where roadworks are being carried out and who is responsible for them should you have any queries. This can be found at:

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreets/roadshighwaysstreetcare/roadsandtraffic/roadworks.htm>

# Road Closures

Calne - Church Street (Part), Calne, Calne  
Bike Meet, Saturday 29th July 2017

## West

Trowbridge - Castle Street, Fore Street and  
Hill Street, 10K Running Race 20th August  
2017

Trowbridge - Castle Street (Part), Carnival  
Soap Box Derby

Melksham - Footpath 2 (Part) and Footpath  
52 (Part), Melksham Party in the Park,  
Saturday 15th July 2017

Melksham – Various Roads, Carnival,  
Saturday 22nd July 2017

## South

Salisbury - Queen Street, Teenage Market  
15th April 2017 and 28th October 2017

Salisbury - Footpath 66 (Market Place) and  
Queen Street, Street Food Sunday, 30th July  
2017

Salisbury and Durnford - C42 Stratford Road,  
C294 Avon Bridge / Beech Walk and C56  
Phillips Lane, Race for Life (Cancer Research  
UK), 9th July 2017

## North

Chippenham – Various Roads, Chippenham  
Carnival Walking Procession, Sat 12th  
August 2017

Royal Wootton Bassett – A3102 (Part) High  
Street, Christmas Lights Switch-On and  
Shopping Event, 1st December 2017

Minety - B4040 (Part) and C76 The Common  
/ Silver Street, The Army and Inter Services  
Standard Distance Triathlons, 28th June  
2017 and 26th July 2017

Calne – Various Roads, Summer Festival and  
Christmas Festival, 24th June 2017 and 2nd  
December 2017

## Next Licensing Committee Meeting

11 September 2017 – 10.30am County Hall,  
Trowbridge

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