| | Name & address | Comments | Officer Response |
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| 1 | Cllr Cumbers | 1.5 We have no Town Council (but a Town Committee) Age Concern is now Age UK 2.11 mentions licences expiring after 12 months 3.9 I don't understand wording which starts 'all applicants' 4.1 – penultimate line has an extra 'license' APPENDIX A 14. Disability Access – I don't understand the | Policy already amended to address this point Policy already amended to address this point Statement of fact ;no amendment to policy necessary Unclear what this refers to – to seek clarification and update at committee meeting Error has been corrected Typo in first bullet point. Word "constructed " deleted and replaced by "obstructed " |
| | | first bullet point which starts "access to" 20. the luggage storage – is that just for e.g. black cabs? APPENDIX B 6.1. who does the DDA training.? | This applies to all taxis Currently in conjunction with LCC, but may be subject to change. |
| 2 | H Hellyer | I would like to say that would have no objections and am happy with the wording as it stands | Noted – no action necessary |
| 3 | MMTDA (Melton Mowbray Taxi Drivers Association) | Object to carrying a fire extinguisher (as stated in Appendix A s18)Because the drivers have not received training in the use of fire extinguishers and that the Fire Service recommend vacating vehicle and call 999 and not putting themselves or | This will continue to be at the driver's personal judgement . Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 does not require formal training in the use of fire extinguishers. This Council considers that it is essential for licensed vehicles to carry them and in the event of a fire a driver could use his/her discretion to use the extinguisher or call the emergency services. |
| | | passengers in danger Note that the fire extinguisher does not have an expiry date but a manufactured date. | Noted, policy amended to refer to date of manufacture. |
| | | It is government best practice that the meter should be started at the booked time provided the vehicle is in position and the customer informed. | Propose that there is no change to the policy .Hiring only commences when the passenger enters the vehicle .Policy states "Hackney carriages may not make 'unoccupied running charges. |
| | | Seek to amend unoccupied running charges (Appendix A s24) to allow a pick up charge | Propose that there is no change to the policy. The Best Practice Guidance note that it states: "The Department also suggests that in reviewing |

to be permitted for Hackney Vehicles travelling from village to village.

fares authorities should pay particular regard to the needs of the travelling public, with reference both to what it is reasonable to expect people to pay but also to the need to give taxi drivers sufficient incentive to provide a service when it is needed. There may well be a case for higher fares at times of higher demand."

It also says "If using the meter, not start the meter until the passenger is seated in the vehicle."

Town and Police Clauses Act 1847 states:

56 Agreements to carry passengers a discretionary distance for a fixed sum

If the proprietor or driver of any such hackney carriage, or if any other person on his
behalf, agree with any person to carry in or by such hackney carriage persons not
exceeding in number the number so painted on such carriage as aforesaid, for a distance
to be in the discretion of such proprietor or driver, and for a sum agreed upon, such
proprietor or driver shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding [level 1 on the standard
scale] if the distance which he carries such persons be under that to which they were
entitled to be carried for the sum so agreed upon, according to the fare allowed by this or
the special Act, or any byelaw made in pursuance thereof.

 Disputing that the carriage of parcels is not permitted in a Hackney Carriage. No change to the policy.

Hackney Carriages should only be used for the carriage of people.

The Town Police Clauses Act 1847 states:

sec. 37, Hackney carriages to be licensed:

"The commissioners may from time to time licence to ply for hire within the prescribed distance, or if no distance is prescribed, within five miles from the General Post Office of the city, town, or place to which the special Act refers, (which in that case shall be deemed the prescribed distance,) [F1such number of]hackney coaches or carriages of any kind or description adapted to **the carriage of persons** [F1as they think fit]"

The Private Hire use for goods has been investigated, however, under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, the definition of a Private Hire Vehicle states:

| | Se | ec. 80, Interpretation of Part II: |
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| | pa tra | private hire vehicle" means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted to seat [F4fewer than nine assengers], other than a hackney carriage or public service vehicle [F5or a London cab][F6or amcar], which is provided for hire with the services of a driver for the purpose of carrying assengers;" |
| | | is considered that section 75 of the 1976 act relates to exemptions for private hire vehicles as it tates in full: |
| | (1 | I) Nothing in this Part of this Act shall— (a) apply to a vehicle used for bringing passengers or goods within a controlled district in pursuance of a contract for the hire of the vehicle made outside the district if the vehicle is not made available for hire within the district |