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Consultation on Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Penalty Point Scheme

The vast majority of those individuals that Bromsgrove District Council licences to drive and operate hackney carriage and private hire vehicles comply with all of the rules and requirements rules that their status as a licensed driver places upon them.

However there are unfortunately a small minority of licensed drivers that fail to comply with some of these rules and requirements and this impacts on the vast majority of licence holders and can damage the reputation of the taxi and private hire services on offer in the Bromsgrove District.

Therefore the Council is proposing to introduce a penalty point scheme as an additional tool to help secure compliance with licensing requirements from holders of the hackney carriage and private hire licences that the Council issues.

The basic idea behind introducing a penalty point scheme is that it would allow licensing officers to issue an appropriate number of points to those who commit minor offences or acts of non-compliance as an alternative to taking more formal action, with a view to identifying those that persistently commit minor offences or fail to comply with the rules and requirements placed upon them as licence holders.

A licence holder that reaches a certain number of points within a given period would then be referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee, which would consider whether or not to suspend or revoke the individual's licence.

The penalty point scheme is not intended to be used to deal with more serious offences or acts of non-compliance and in deciding what action to take, each case will continue to be considered on its own individual merits.

A copy of the draft penalty point scheme is either enclosed or alternatively can be viewed and downloaded from the "Consultations" page on the Council website.

Please read the draft scheme before answering the questions below. The draft scheme does not set out an exhaustive list of offences or acts of non-compliance that a licence holder may commit, just those that it is proposed to deal with under a penalty point scheme.

This consultation will remain open for responses until **30 April 2017**.

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1	In general terms, do you support the introduction of a penalty point scheme for those who hold hackney carriage and private hire licences issued by the Council?		
	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
	<p>Comments / Reasons:</p>		

2.	Are there any offences or other acts of non-compliance that are contained within the draft penalty point scheme that you think the Council should not include within any scheme they adopt?		
	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
	<p>If answering YES, please specify and explain why you think the penalty points scheme should not include these offences or acts of non-compliance:</p>		

3.	Are there any other offences or acts of non-compliance that are not contained in the draft scheme you think the Council should include within any penalty point scheme they adopt?		
	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
	<p>If answering YES, please specify and explain why you think the penalty points scheme should include these offences or acts of non-compliance:</p>		

4.	Do you think the number of points that the Council proposes to issue in respect of each offences or act of non-compliance identified in the penalty point scheme are all set at the appropriate level?		
	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
	<p>If answering NO, please specify what changes you think should be made to the number of points that the Council proposes to issue in respect of particular offences or act of non-compliance?</p>		

5.	The Council proposes to have those who receive 12 or more penalty points in a two year period, referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee. Do you think that this threshold is appropriate?		
	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
	<p>If answering NO, what do you think the threshold should be when a licence holder is referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee?</p>		

Please use this space to make any other comments or observations that you may have on the draft penalty points scheme?

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Once completed, please return your consultation response to:

Consultation on Penalty Points Scheme – Bromsgrove District Council
Worcestershire Regulatory Services
Wyre Forest House
Finepoint Way
Kidderminster
Worcestershire
DY11 7WF

You can also return your consultation response via email to wrsenquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk

Finally you can submit your consultation response at the Reception Desk at the Customer Service Centre at Parkside in an envelope marked for the attention of “Licensing.”