

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy – Vehicle Age

Benchmarking exercise – February 2026

[Abbreviations: WAV=Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle, ULEV = Ultra-low emissions vehicle]

Council	Hackney Carriage – New	Hackney Carriage – Renewal	Private Hire – New	Private Hire - Renewal
Bromsgrove District Council	15yrs– electric/hydrogen NOT WAV Any age – electric/ hydrogen WAV 12yrs– ULEV NOT WAV 15yrs– ULEV WAV 9yrs– Petrol/diesel NOT WAV 12yrs– Petrol/diesel WAV	18yrs– electric/hydrogen NOT WAV Any age – electric/ hydrogen WAV 15yrs– ULEV NOT WAV 18yrs– ULEV WAV 12yrs– Petrol/diesel NOT WAV 15yrs– Petrol/diesel WAV	15yrs– electric/hydrogen NOT WAV Any age – electric/ hydrogen WAV 12yrs– ULEV NOT WAV 15yrs– ULEV WAV 9yrs– Petrol/diesel NOT WAV 12yrs– Petrol/diesel WAV	18yrs– electric/hydrogen NOT WAV Any age – electric/ hydrogen WAV 15yrs– ULEV NOT WAV 18yrs– ULEV WAV 12yrs– Petrol/diesel NOT WAV 15yrs– Petrol/diesel WAV
Redditch Borough Council	6yrs– Euro 6 diesel / Euro 4 petrol WAV 8yrs– Electric/hydrogen/ ULEV WAV	10yrs– NOT Euro6 diesel/Euro 4 petrol and NOT WAV 12yrs– NOT Euro6 diesel/Euro 4 petrol and IS WAV 11yrs-Euro 6 diesel / Euro 4 petrol 13yrs-ULEV NOT WAV / Euro 6 diesel & Euro 4 petrol IS WAV 15yrs-ULEV WAV / Electric or hydrogen NOT WAV 17yrs-Electric or hydrogen WAV	6yrs - NOT Euro6 diesel/Euro 4 petrol and NOT WAV 7yrs– Euro 6 diesel / Euro 4 petrol 8yrs– electric/hydrogen/ULEV	10yrs– NOT Euro6 diesel/Euro 4 petrol and NOT WAV 12yrs - NOT Euro6 diesel/Euro 4 petrol and IS WAV 11yrs -Euro 6 diesel / Euro 4 petrol 13yrs -ULEV NOT WAV / Euro 6 diesel & Euro 4 petrol IS WAV 15yrs -ULEV WAV / Electric or hydrogen NOT WAV 17yrs -Electric or hydrogen WAV
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Wychavon District Council	15yrs – electric/hydrogen NOT WAV Any age – electric/ hydrogen & WAV 12yrs– ULEV & not WAV 15yrs– ULEV & WAV 10yrs– Petrol/diesel & Not WAV 12yrs– Petrol/diesel & WAV	15yrs – electric/hydrogen & Not WAV Any age – electric/ hydrogen & WAV 12yrs– ULEV & not WAV 15yrs– ULEV & WAV 10yrs– Petrol/diesel & Not WAV 12yrs– Petrol/diesel & WAV	15yrs – electric/hydrogen & Not WAV Any age – electric/ hydrogen & WAV 12yrs– ULEV & not WAV 15yrs– ULEV & WAV 10yrs– Petrol/diesel & Not WAV 12yrs– Petrol/diesel & WAV	15yrs – electric/hydrogen NOT WAV Any age – electric/ hydrogen WAV 12yrs– ULEV NOT WAV 15yrs– ULEV WAV 10yrs– Petrol/diesel NOT WAV 12yrs– Petrol/diesel WAV
Worcester City Council	5yrs– New / replacements No age – fully electric	8yrs– Saloon 10yrs– WAV – rear access 12yrs– WAV – side access	5yrs– New / replacements No age – fully electric	10 yrs 12yrs - WAV

		15yrs– London International WAV No age – fully electric		
Wyre Forest District Council	5yrs	12 yrs	5 yrs	12yrs
Malvern Hills District Council	5yrs	8yrs– saloon 10yrs – 5 to 8 passengers 12yrs- WAV	5yrs	8yrs– saloon 10yrs – 5 to 8 passengers 12yrs- WAV
Birmingham City Council	15yrs	15yrs 18 yrs- ULEV 18yrs - from conversion to fully electric	8yrs	12yrs
South Staffordshire District Council AND Wolverhampton City Council	Brand new	15yrs and 6mths unless a ULEV vehicle 16yrs and older require an exceptional condition assessment	11yrs and 6mths	11yrs and 6mths
Shropshire Council	12 yrs– Petrol / hybrid petrol /LPG 6yrs– Diesel Any age – Full electric 10yrs– hybrid diesel	15 yrs– Petrol / hybrid petrol /LPG 12yrs– Diesel Any age – Full electric 12yrs– hybrid diesel	10 yrs– Petrol / hybrid petrol /LPG 6yrs– Diesel Any age – Full electric 8yrs– hybrid diesel <u>WAV vehicles</u> 12 yrs– Petrol / hybrid petrol /LPG 6yrs– Diesel Any age – Full electric 10yrs– hybrid diesel	12 yrs– Petrol / hybrid petrol /LPG 10yrs– Diesel Any age – Full electric 10yrs– hybrid diesel <u>WAV vehicles</u> 15 yrs– Petrol / hybrid petrol /LPG 12yrs– Diesel Any age – Full electric 12yrs– hybrid diesel
Tewkesbury District Council	Any age but All vehicles are Euro 6, ULEV or EV	Any age but All vehicles are Euro 6, ULEV or EV 15yrs - WAV	Any age but All vehicles are Euro 6, ULEV or EV	Any age but All vehicles are Euro 6, ULEV or EV 15yrs -WAV
Cotswold District Council	5yrs Any age - WAV	15yrs Any age - WAV	5yrs Any age - WAV	15yrs Any age - WAV
Hereford Council	5yrs - (All must be WAV)	15yrs - (All must be WAV)	2yrs 5yrs - WAV	8yrs 15yrs - WAV