

Your Taxi Brief...

Introducing our regular news flyer tailored to taxi and private hire interests. You will see below some of the key legal developments from 1st September 2018 - 31st October 2018. We trust you find it informative!

4th September 2018

Personal Injury Cost Reforms...

The House of Commons has conducted a second reading of the Government's proposed changes to personal injury claims. Drivers and passengers, under the *Civil Liability Bill*, will be unable to recover costs of legal advice for certain accidents. A similar restriction for pedestrians and cyclists has been withdrawn. The Bill was set for consideration by the House of Lords on 20th November 2018.

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9th September 2018

Green Number Plates Consultation...

The Department for Transport (DfT) has launched a new consultation entitled '*Green Number Plates for Clean Vehicles*'. It seeks views on how best to promote awareness, in particular through displaying green number plates, of ultra-low emission vehicles. Tax breaks for e-bikes are also, separately, under consideration.

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13th September 2018

EU Driving & No Deal Brexit...

The Department for Transport (DfT) has published online its '*Driving in the EU if there's no Brexit deal*' guidance. It offers advice on essential steps for drivers, wishing or needing to drive in the European Union, should the UK fail to achieve a withdrawal agreement.

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20th September 2018

Judicial Review on Uber Licence...

The United Cabbies Group, on behalf of the United Trade Action Group, filed a judicial review application against the decision to grant Uber an operator licence in London. It follows expressions of concern surrounding a judgement by the Chief Magistrate (in *Uber London Limited v Transport for London (26th June 2018)*). Permission was granted by the High Court on 2nd November 2018 for a full hearing which will be expedited in due course.

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24th September 2018

Taxi & Private Hire Licensing Review...

The Task & Finish Group on Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Licensing published its solutions for improving licensing regimes. Its thirty-four recommendations, within the '*Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Licensing: Steps Towards A Safer More Robust System*' report, include issuing best practice guidance, national minimum standards and a national database. A response is awaited from Government.

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28th September 2018

TfL Congestion Charge Consultation...

Transport for London (TfL) closed its '*Have Your Say on Proposed to the Congestion Charge*' consultation. The proposal to remove an exemption for private hire vehicles was earlier opposed, following a vote on 6th September 2018, by the London Assembly. Addison Lee, it was reported on 1st October 2018, is also opposed to the proposal and is considering legal action. TfL plans implementation on 8th April 2019 subject to ratification by the Mayor of London.

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5th October 2018

Clean Air Zone Database Consultation...

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) launched a consultation entitled '*Air Quality - Identification of Taxi & Private Hire Vehicles Entering Charging Clean Air Zones*'. It sought views on the creation of a national taxi and private hire vehicle database to enable identification of those vehicles which are entering, or exiting, a Clean Air Zone. The consultation closed on 2nd November 2018 and a summary of responses is expected in early 2019.

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8th October 2018

Review on Future of London Taxi & Private Hire...

The London Assembly Transport Committee announced an investigation into ' *What Does the Future Hold for Taxis & Minicabs?*'. Its overall objective being to consider the future of the respective trades and how each can be supported. Evidence was heard from key stakeholders on 9th October 2018 and additional meetings are planned for the future.

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28th February 2018

Annual Taxi & Private Hire Statistics...

The Department for Transport (DfT) published its annual ' *Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Statistics. England: 2018*'. It shows the total number of licensed taxi and private hire vehicles and drivers has reached record levels. In addition the number of licensed private hire operators has increased since 2017.

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30th October 2018

Uber Appeals Worker Rights Judgement...

The Court of Appeal commenced hearing Uber's challenge against an earlier decision by an Employment Appeal Tribunal to affirm 'worker' status for the claimant drivers (*Uber B.V. et al v Aslam et al [2017] UKEAT/0056/17*). Judgement is expected in the coming weeks.

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