



## Your Taxi Brief....

February 2020

*Travis Morley is pleased to present our regular eflyer covering topical taxi and private hire news stories from January 2020.*

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### #1 National Taxi & Private Hire Standards Coming Soon...

The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport, Nusrat Ghani MP, has confirmed the Government " ...will be issuing statutory taxi and private hire standards shortly...". Additional assurances were given to the House of Commons, in response to a question from Wes Streeting MP, that most issues addressed by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Taxis will be dealt with...

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### #2 Birmingham Considers Uber Renewal...

Birmingham City Council indicates its intention to delay renewal of Uber's private hire operator licence. Its licence was set to expire at the end of January. The licensing authority plans to await the outcome of an appeal by Uber London Limited in London...

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### #3 Nottingham Trials e-Taxis Wireless Charging...

The Department for Transport (DfT) has commenced a 6-month project trialling wireless charging for electric taxis in Nottingham. Five charge stations have been fitted across the city at a cost of £3.4 million. If successful, other such schemes may be rolled out across the country...

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### #4 Manchester Consults on Driver Dress Code...

Manchester City Council propose to introduce minimum dress standards for male and female drivers. It intends to improve the image of drivers, and reduce complaints against them, in the city. A 12-week consultation, it is understood, has commenced...

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### #5 Leeds Protests on Driver Penalty Points...

Leeds City Council will introduce, on 2nd February 2020, a new 6 penalty point policy for taxi and private hire drivers. A three-year suspension will result for any driver who exceeds the point limit, which is equivalent to two motoring offences, in a year. Leeds Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Drivers have initiated protests against the policy...

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## #6 Gloucestershire Consults on CCTV...

Gloucestershire County Council has launched a consultation on whether to introduce CCTV in all taxis. If pursued, recommendations will be put forward for committee approval later this year. Should the proposals be ratified the requirement will apply across the county...

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## #7 Wolverhampton Licences Drivers UK-Wide...

Wolverhampton City Council it has emerged licenced 15,000 private hire driver licences in 2019. This includes applicants based in different licensing districts (including, but not limited to, Manchester, Coventry and Leicester). Criticism has been levelled by other authorities...

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## #8 Adur Issues Tinted Windows Guidelines...

Adur District Council has issued new guidelines on tinted window restrictions. These have been criticised by the local Adur Taxis & Private Hire Trade. It is alleged the conditions risk public safety, increase costs unfairly and are forcing drivers to obtain licences from other authorities...

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**#9 Sefton Identifies False Training Certificates...**

Sefton Council has published a report indicating local training providers have been issuing counterfeit 'Level 2 Introduction to the Role of The Professional Taxi & Private Hire Driver' VRQ (or Vocationally-Related Qualification). The licensing authority intends to develop an approved accredited training provider scheme...

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**#10 Oxford New Emission Standards Commence...**

Oxford City Council adopted on 13th February 2019 phased emission standards for taxis. The first stage now comes into effect and requires Euro 4, Euro 6 or ZEC (Zero-Emission Capable) vehicles subject to whether at point of renewal or first licence...

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