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TfL Introduces DBS Update Requirement...

Transport for London (TfL) has issued Notice 02/24 confirming its implementation of a 'DBS Update Service' requirement. It applies to both, new and renewing, private hire and hackney carriage drivers who wlll need to register, and maintain a continuous subscription, with the service. This took effect from 26th February 2024...

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Addison Lee Settle Worker Rights Claim...

Addison Lee has settled a claim with three drivers for worker rights. Whilst details of the settlement were not disclosed, it centred around the entitlement to holiday pay and the minimum wage. Its understood a substantial number of other drivers are making similar claims and these are set to be heard later in 2024...

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DfT Reaffirms VAT Consultation Intention...

The Department for Transport (DfT) has reaffirmed its *intention to consult* on the application of VAT to private hire journeys. This answer was provided, in the House of Commons, by Guy Opperman MP in response to a question posed by Daniel Zeichner MP. Baroness Vere also restated this position, in the House of Lords, when replying to the Bishop of St Albans on 13th February 2023. It remains unclear

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Court Permits Hearing on Sefton Appeal...

The Court of Appeal has granted permission for an appeal to be heard in the matter of *Uber Britannia Ltd v Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council [2023] EWHC 1975 (KB)*. It seeks to overturn an earlier judgement in the High Court affirming the principal status, under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, of private hire operators in contracts with passengers. A hearing is to be listed on the 9th or 10th July 2024...

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DWP Launches Disability Action Plan...

The Department for Work & Pensions has presented to Parliament its new "Disability Action Plan'. It included, as regards deterring trade refusals, a Government commitment to work with guide and assistance dog organisations. A plan to increase fines was dropped. A working group will be established to make further recommendations later in 2024...

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