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DfT National Standards Plan...

The Department for Transport (DfT) has announced plans for '*New National Standards on Taxi Licensing Proposed to Protect Passengers*'. This follows the publication of Baroness Casey's '*National Audit on Group-based Child Sexual Exploitation & Abuse*' in June 2025 and aims to strengthen safety / protections in licensed vehicles. To facilitate this approach, as regards providing the Transport Secretary with the necessary powers, Clause 49 was added to the *English Devolution & Community Empowerment Bill* on 25th November 2025...

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DfE Takes Charge of SEND Funds...

The Government, as part of its Budget 2025, has announced it will assume responsibility for SEND funding from local authorities. This follows publication of a House of Commons' Education Committee report, entitled '*Solving the SEND Crisis*', in September 2025. The Department for Education (DfE) is now set to take charge...

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HMRC Publishes VAT Consultation Outcome...

HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) has published the outcome of its '*Consultation on the VAT Treatment of Private Hire Vehicles*'. The Government has decided, in respect of the consultation proposals, not to

amend VAT legislation or introduce a new margin scheme or reduce the sector rate. Instead it will legislate to exclude the trade from the *Tour Operators' Margin Scheme (TOMS)*...

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Mayor of London on Licence Delay Compensation...

The Mayor of London, Sir Sadiq Khan, has promised *compensation will be made available for delays in Transport for London (TfL) issuing driver licences*. This was provided in response to a question, regarding hardship caused by delayed renewals, raised at Mayor's Question Time. A compensation system is expected before the end of the year...

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ATE Critical Safety Issue Guidance...

Active Travel England (ATE) has published its '*Critical Safety Issues for Walking, Wheeling & Cycling Guidance*'. It identifies 16 critical safety issues, concerning street layouts or conditions, associated with an increased risk of collisions. Recommendations, including the narrowing of road lanes, will apply to future road-building projects...

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Other News...

- > [Mayor of Manchester, Andy Burnham, hopes for new powers to ban cross-border work are added to English Devolution & Community Empowerment Bill \(7th November 2025\)](#)...
- > [Stockton Council refuse private hire driver licence applications owing to previous convictions \(26th November 2025\)](#)...
- > [Barnsley Council report proposes CCTV for home-to-school SEND transportation services \(20th November 2025\)](#)...
- > [Transport for London \(TfL\) set to increase Congestion Charge, and lower the exemption for electric vehicles, from January 2026 \(12th November 2025\)](#)...
- > [Cheltenham Borough Council successfully prosecutes company for operating without a licence \(7th November 2025\)](#)...
- > [Wolverhampton City Council licence numbers triple from 2020 to 2025 \(7th November 2025\)](#)...
- > [Bradford Council successfully prosecutes drivers for refusing to carry guide dogs \(1st November 2025\)](#)...

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