

Scrutiny Scoping Document

Title of Review topic	
CCTV in Taxis	
Objectives	
What does the Board/Task and Finish Group hope to achieve by considering the topic?	To identify whether Coventry City Council should require mandatory CCTV in taxis as part of the licensing to reduce the risk of crime in taxis.
What will be the indicators of success?	A set of recommendations to the Cabinet Member, based on the findings of the T&F
When will the review be evaluated?	6-12 months after the recommendations are made.
What will be included in the scope of the review?	National legislation, guidance, current voluntary CCTV policy agreed in 2022. Crime data. Pros and Cons of mandatory CCTV. Current uptake of voluntary CCTV.
What will be excluded from the scope?	Other aspects of taxi licensing beyond CCTV requirement
Does the review link with any existing strategies or policies? Is this currently being reviewed/refreshed?	Current taxi licensing policy, national legislation – proposals in Devolution White Paper. Current voluntary CCTV in taxis policy in 2022 Governments response to Casey recommendations re: taxi licensing
Methodology	
How will the review be carried out? e.g. surveys, site visits, select committees etc.	Briefings, presentations and data from Council officers and external partners.
Barriers and Risks	
What are the barriers and risks to the review?	Scope creep Potential devolution of licensing power to a CA level
How can these be managed/overcome?	Ensure that the T&F is focused on the implications of CCTV in taxis. Other issues can be noted and potential referred for further investigation elsewhere.
Equality and Diversity	
Does the review have any potential implications for Equality and Diversity? (race, gender (including transgender), disability, sexual orientation, age, religion or belief, poverty, looked after children)	Yes – women are more vulnerable to sexual assault.
Timescales and reporting procedure	
List any key dates/events which might impact on the timescales of the review	
Anticipated number of meetings	4
Scrutiny Board portfolio	Communities and Neighbourhoods
Cabinet Member portfolio	City Services
Anticipated reporting date to Scrutiny Board	By end of municipal year 2026
Anticipated reporting route – Cabinet Member/Cabinet	Licensing Committee Cabinet Member
Report of.....	Communities & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)
Comms involvement	

Task and Finish Group Members	To include representative from Licensing Committee – Chair.
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