
To: Communities and Neighbourhood Scrutiny Board (4)

Date: 12th March 2026

Subject: CCTV in Taxis Task and Finish Group - Addendum

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) of the additional recommendations from the CCTV in Taxis Task and Finish Group.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Communities and Neighbourhood Scrutiny Board (4) recommend that the Cabinet Member for City Services:

- 1) Consider the following inclusions to the consultation response:
 - a. Amend section 4 of the consultation response to address concerns about the impact of shifting to Local Transport Authority (LTA) control and ensure consistency with the position on environmental policies and incentive schemes.
 - b. Weave the argument for mandatory CCTV throughout the consultation response.
 - c. Append the letter sent to government ministers regarding CCTV to the consultation response.
 - d. Make it clear that the current legislation governing taxi licensing is not fit for purpose, is out of date and requires updating as it doesn't fit with modern practices.
- 2) Take the issue of mandatory CCTV in taxis to the upcoming Taxi Forum in April for discussion with drivers, emphasising both passenger and driver protection.
- 3) Consider that the Council amend licensing policy to incorporate mandatory CCTV in taxis.

3 Information and Background

- 3.1 At their meeting on the 29th of January 2026, the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) agreed recommendations from a task and finish group

established to consider whether the Council should require taxis to have CCTV as part of Licensing requirements.

- 3.2 Whilst the task and finish group was still considering recommendations the Government launched a consultation on Local Transport Authorities and the licensing of taxis and private hire vehicles 2026 to run until 1 April 2026.
- 3.3 The consultation focuses on identifying the right level of regulation for taxis and whether LTA's should be responsible for taxi and PHV licensing as proposed in the English Devolution White Paper.
- 3.4 Members of the T&F group recommended to the Cabinet Member for City Services that the Council formally respond to the consultation and that the task and finish group consider the consultation before it goes before Council.
- 3.5 The task and finish group met one more time on the 2nd of March 2026 to consider the draft response to the government's consultation. The comments and recommendations can be found above in section 2.

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