



Dear Councillor,

Consultation summary

A joint consultation by licensing authorities across Gloucestershire has been launched to consider common licensing standards for taxi and private hire services. Currently there are six different taxi and private hire licensing policies with each licensing authority setting its own local standards. Having one 'common standard' would mean the same high licensing standards would apply anywhere in the County.

The proposed common standards for Gloucestershire are based on the [Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards issued by Department for Transport in 2020](#). They focus on safeguarding the public and relate mainly to driver, operator and vehicle licence holder suitability. The Department of Transport expects that licensing authorities will review their own local policies and implement the recommendations in the statutory standards unless there is a compelling reason not to do so.

The statutory standards and proposed common standards for Gloucestershire do not cover vehicle criteria and conditions which will remain localised at this stage.

How to make comments

Cotswold District Council Licence holders and all local persons, groups or organisations should submit all comments using the online form by 6th July 2021.

You may wish to make comment on/refer to any of the following:

1. Any of the proposed changes listed in the comparison table
2. Any part of the Common standards for Gloucestershire document
3. Whether CCTV should be made mandatory in the future

Please visit the [consultation](#) to view proposals and to make comments.

Regards

Licensing Team



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