

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT TAXI LICENSING POLICY

ADDENDUM – CCTV September 2020

Modification of existing policies is being considered to introduce a mandatory requirement for CCTV in licensed vehicles.

The following impacts have been noted as a potential consequence of the above proposals.

Visual Impairment

Visually impaired passengers may be detrimentally affected in two ways. Firstly they could be unaware that they are subject to video/audio recording. Secondly they may be unable to locate and use the controls to activate audio recording.

Awareness

To address this impact it is proposed that licence conditions for drivers should include a requirement that visually impaired passengers be verbally advised about the presence of CCTV before commencing a journey. This could possibly be drawn to licence-holders' attention in the training for licensed drivers.

Accessibility of Audio Control

This is something the current systems on the market do not appear to address. Given the anticipated benefits of the system it is an impact that can be tolerated when balanced against the public interest in safety. However, the authority will keep this under review and if systems are developed in future which address this issue their adoption will be considered at that time.