

Trafford Council
Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy
2021-2026

Timetable for Implementation

It is acknowledged that there will have to be a period of transition for the Authority to implement any proposals agreed following this consultation. This will also allow the trade to consider their options for vehicles and drivers.

It is proposed that all new vehicles being licensed from April 1, 2021 will be required to meet the standards that are approved following this consultation. It is also anticipated that most of the other policy areas that are approved will start to come into force from April 2021, for example relating to driver and operator standards.

From April 1, 2022 it is proposed that all existing licensed vehicles will commence transitioning to meet the standards that are approved following this consultation. This will include the stated emissions requirements and age of vehicles.

The transition period will be determined by the Authority having considered current and revised policies and the likely effect on the trade, but it is expected that all vehicles would have to be compliant with the proposed emissions standards by April 1, 2024. This will mean that from April 2023, hackney and private hire vehicles will need to meet the proposed standards to secure a vehicle licence.

For vehicles that are emissions compliant, but not colour compliant, on April 1, 2024 it is envisaged that the change of colour would not be mandated until the vehicle is next being changed in line with the policy at the time.

In relation to zero emission capable (ZEC) vehicles it is proposed that:

- From 2025 all new-to-licence vehicles would need to be ZEC

- From 2028, all vehicles would need to be ZEC, meaning an entirely zero emission Taxi/PHV fleet across GM by 2029.