

APPENDIX C: Local Vehicle Standard Comparison

The table below summarises the vehicle standards specified in the taxi policies of the other local authorities in Devon and also neighbouring authorities of North Devon District Council. For the definitive version of the vehicle standard at each authority listed below their Taxi Policy should be consulted:

Local Authority	Private Hire Vehicle Standard	Hackney Carriage Vehicle Standard
North Devon (current policy)	<p>Vehicles must be less than 5 years old when presented for licensing. Vehicles older than this will be licensed only at the discretion of the Licensing Sub Committee.</p> <p>Mechanical Inspection every 6 months.</p>	As per PHV Standard.
Torridge District Council	<p>The Authority does not currently specify any age restriction for licensed vehicles.</p> <p>Vehicles which are over five years of age will be required to undergo a mechanical inspection every six months. Vehicles over ten years of age will be required to undergo a mechanical inspection every four months.</p> <p>Policy currently out for consultation: The vehicle will be required to meet or exceed Euro 6 emissions standards (or recognised UK equivalent). Applications for newer vehicles will be awarded more points. Additional points will also be awarded for electric vehicles or vehicles with CO2 emissions of less than 50 g/km.</p>	<p>As per PHV Standard.</p> <p>As per PHV standard.</p>

West Somerset Council	<p>Any vehicle presented for licensing for the first time should not be more than 3 years old from the date registered as new in the vehicle registration document for a saloon type vehicle, or 4 years old for a purpose built wheelchair accessible vehicle (Applicable to PHV and HC).</p> <p>All vehicles are required to undergo a vehicle plating test at the Councils nominated inspecting garage when first presented for licensing and thereafter: For vehicles between the age of 1 to 5 years at 12 monthly intervals For vehicles over 5 years old at 6 monthly intervals (Applicable to PHV and HC)</p>	<p>Be a purpose built, wheelchair accessible car with side loading wheelchair access.</p> <p>Be no more than 4 years old (taken from the day of registration, as shown in the V5 registration document/logbook) or up to 5 years old, providing the car has done no more than average mileage (calculated at 12,000 miles per year), good bodywork, evidence of full service history</p>
Mid Devon District Council	<p>Where a new application has been submitted to licence a vehicle over 5 years old, the application may be referred to a licensing regulatory sub-committee for consideration.</p> <p>Vehicle test every 6 months (in addition to MOT).</p>	As per PHV Standard.
West Devon Borough Council	<p>All vehicles licensed by West Devon Borough Council must have a 4 or 5 star Euro NCAP Safety Rating.</p> <p>All vehicles over 3 years to be inspected every 6 months (in addition to MOT). Vehicles under 3 years of age to be tested annually.</p>	As per PHV Standard.
Teignbridge District Council	<p>The vehicle must be under 5 years old at time of first registration with the council.</p> <p>Annual inspection at nominated garage.</p>	As per PHV Standard.

South Hams District Council	As per West Devon	As per West Devon
Plymouth City Council	<p>No hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licence will be issued or renewed unless the vehicle has been manufactured to Euro 4 or a higher specification.</p> <p>Annual vehicle inspection (6 monthly if vehicle over 5 years), plus MOT.</p> <p>CCTV not mandatory, but must comply with technical standard if installed.</p>	<p>All hackney carriage vehicles licensed by the Council must be side loading wheelchair accessible.</p>
Exeter City Council	<p>No PHV to be first licenced over 3 years old, except where vehicle is between 3 and 4 years where the application can be referred to an LSC for determination (with accompanying comprehensive vehicle inspection report).</p> <p>MOT only, no other inspection requirement.</p>	<p>Hackney fleet split 50:50 between wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAVs), and Ultra-low emission vehicles with stated emission level of less than 75g per Km.</p> <p>WAVs must be Euro 6 emission standard or above. Policy currently prioritises WAV applications over ULEV applications.</p> <p>Red and black vehicle livery scheme mandatory.</p> <p>Mandatory in-vehicle CCTV with prescriptive technical standard.</p> <p>MOT only, no other inspection requirement.</p>

<p>East Devon District Council</p>	<p>The Council recognises that low emission vehicles such as hybrids and electric vehicles can have a positive impact on the environment and these will be given special consideration. The Council's condition for minimum engine capacity has been removed for Ultra Low and Zero Emission (ULEV) vehicles.</p> <p>Vehicle shall be not more than four years old from the date of first registration. Licensed vehicles of more than eight years old shall only continue to be licensed subject to a satisfactory East Devon vehicle compliance report being obtained every six months.</p> <p>Annual vehicle inspection (6 monthly if over 8 years), plus MOT.</p>	<p>As per PHV standard.</p>
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