

## Appendix C

### CRB Consultation: Email Responses

Response From:	Response Details:	Officer Response:	Change to policy:
Executive Hire Operator	We would support such an amendment.	Noted.	No Change.
Private Hire Driver	<p>As a law abiding private hire driver, I have no problem with the council doing a CRB check every year if they wish, but i do have a problem if I have to pay for it. School teachers have to have regular CRB checks but they are not charged for them so do the check as often as you wish, but don't make a struggling private hire driver pay even more. We are been squeezed tighter &amp; tighter all the time, more licences issued, fuel prices rising insurance costs spiralling to make us pay extra will send most legitimate drivers out of the trade.</p>	<p>In many instances employers pay for CRB checks where they are required for their employees.</p> <p>Leeds City Council is not the employer of the Taxi and/ or Private Hire drivers.</p> <p>The current renewal fee for both drivers and vehicles is £115. This equates to £0.32 per day.</p>	No change.

<p>Anonymous</p>	<p>I work for the security industry and have an enhanced CRB disclosure done every 3 years any way. It will not be financially viable for an individual like myself also working as a driver to have 2 enhanced CRB disclosures done in one year.</p> <p>Alternatively I might have one CRB done in one year for one organisation and another in the next year for the other organisation resulting in my CRB disclosure carried out too early not to mention leaving one out of pocket. The cost of enhanced CRB disclosures are generally paid by the organisations schools, hospitals etc. To levy this cost on the applicant would be unfair.</p>	<p>Leeds City Council is aware of an online facility being developed which may negate the need for two disclosures being carried out in one year.</p> <p>In many instances employers pay for CRB checks where they are required for their employees.</p> <p>Leeds City Council is not the employer of the Taxi and/ or Private Hire drivers.</p> <p>The current renewal fee for both drivers and vehicles is £115. This equates to £0.32 per day.</p>	<p>Further investigations to be undertaken to understand the CRB timescales.</p> <p>To review the policy as and when any changes are implemented by the CRB.</p>
<p>Resident</p>	<p>I think the public should know if a taxi &amp; private hire driver has been checked by LCC. &amp; the police and the dates should be on your badge and displayed on the dash or windscreen of the car .. Not around your neck where no one can see it anyway !! .. Maybe a good idea !</p>	<p>Drivers are encouraged to display their badges in clear view of their passengers.</p>	<p>No change proposed.</p>

<p>Hackney Carriage Association</p>	<p>I think the 3 years CRB check is a good idea. Most of our contracts do actually ask if our drivers have had regular CRB checks. I also believe that when taxi drivers are dealing with the public, particularly vulnerable people it is imperative that drivers are regularly checked. I may be wrong but do the council staff also have to be regular checked under the 3 year rule for CRB? With this in mind is there any way that our trade could have a special discounted rate, I believe council employees do get some sort of discount. We have to take in mind that if there are over a thousand Hackney Carriage props and drivers and near to 5000 private hire drivers. it would be appropriate to ask for some sort of discounted price for these drivers. The price at the moment is around £70ish. Any discount would be well worth considering for our trade if we are to consider the new proposals.</p>	<p>Yes, those Leeds City Council staff who come into contact with children and vulnerable adults do undertake a CRB every 3 years.</p> <p>There is no discount applied.</p> <p>The Taxi and Private Hire Licensing Section will endeavour to apply a reasonable cost purely to cover our administration of the process.</p>	<p>No change proposed.</p>
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