

Taxi and Private Hire Newsletter

August 2016

Consultation on Taxi and Private Hire Policy 2016

The booklet called **Stroud District Council Taxi and Private Hire Information, Policy and Conditions** contains a wide range of information including our policy on making applications and renewals, vehicle conditions, convictions policy and guidance on taxi and private hire legislation.

We have reviewed the current booklet and propose some changes to our policies. We are now consulting widely on the proposals.

The draft revised booklet is available on our consultation page on our website

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/taxiconsultation>

The main changes are listed in a table that is attached to this newsletter.

This is **your opportunity to have a say** so please let us know your views. We have also included a comments sheet that you can fill in and drop back to us, or you can put your thoughts in an email to licensing@stroud.gov.uk, or write to us at the address at the end of the newsletter.

All comments must be in by **31 October 2016**. The final document will go to Community Services and Licensing Committee in December 2016 and they will decide if they want to approve any of the proposed changes.

Accidents

Reminder: Under taxi law you must notify the Council within 72 hours of any accidents that cause damage affecting the safety, performance or appearance of your vehicle or the comfort and convenience of your passengers.

Stroud District Council Web Pages

We have lots of information, forms and news about taxi and private hire licensing on our web pages through the following link

<https://www.stroud.gov.uk/taxis>

Update on Request for Taxi Fare Increase

We had very little comment from the trade about the proposal by Stroud Taxi Association to increase taxi fares although a couple of drivers said they felt the fares should stay as they are.

The proposal is going to be considered by Community Services and Licensing Committee on 8 September 2016 at 19.00 at the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill. We have invited representatives of the Stroud Taxi Association to the meeting to speak on behalf of the trade. It is a public meeting so anyone can attend to observe and it is also web cast live on the following link <http://c.connectedviews.com/03/sdc> or you can watch the web recording through the link at a later date.

If the Committee approves an increase in taxi fares we then have to put a public notice in a newspaper and give a period of time for the public to make objections.

We will write to you again and let you know the outcome.

Road Closures for the Fringe Festival

It is Stroud Fringe Festival over the late August bank holiday weekend

Festival Procession Road Closure

Rowcroft from junction with Russell Street
George Street to Junction with Bedford Street
Bedford Street, King Street and High Street

Sat 27 August 2016 12.45 to 13.30

Festival Road Closures

Gloucester Street and Lansdown up to Stroud
Library

Fri 26 August 2016 14.00 to midnight

Sat 27 August 2016 10.00 to midnight

Sun 28 August 2016 10.00 to midnight

Licensing Team

The Licensing Team are:

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Please remember that if you want to see a member of the team to ring first to make an appointment. The team are not available on Thursday afternoons after 12.00.

The Licensing Section, Stroud District Council, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, GL5 4UB