Addendum to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2018

The following amendment to the current policy with regards to Tinted Windows for Private Hire Vehicles effective from the 1st November 2026 as follows:

Appendix I - Licensed Vehicle Fitness Conditions

The existing section listed in full below will be amended:

12. Windows. All windows, which are designed to open and close, must operate correctly. No dark 'privacy' tinted windows will be accepted, only lightly tinted manufactured safety glass. After market kits will not be acceptable. For the avoidance of doubt, inline with the construction and use regulations for front windows issued by VOSA. At least 75% of light must pass through the front window, and at least 70% of light through ALL other windows. This is considered an essential safeguard in the protection of the travelling public. This enables passengers to see into the vehicle prior to entering and ensure that the view of travelling passengers is not obscured and also for drivers to be seen for their own protection.

The new section 12 will now read:

12. Windows.

All windows that are designed to open and close must work properly.

The vehicle's glass must comply with the **Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 (as amended)**. This means:

- The **front windscreen** must allow at least **75% of light** to pass through.
- The **front door windows** must allow at least **70% of light** to pass through.
- For **Private Hire vehicles**, all other windows must have the manufacturer's original tint and allow at least **30% of light** to pass through, unless the Council has approved a darker tint for executive hire vehicles.
- For **Hackney Carriage vehicles,** all other windows must have the manufacturer's original tint and allow at least **70% of light** to pass through
- The rear of the vehicle must have at least **one window**, or **one window in each rear door** where rear doors are fitted.
- No tinted film, clear film, stickers, or any other self-adhesive material may be applied to vehicle glass without Council approval.