

Annex A

Licensing Committee Report **CCTV / NVQ / Door Signage**

The council appreciates that the introduction of mandatory C.C.T.V. in all licensed hackney and private hire vehicles would have financial implications for all licensed vehicle owners.

In order to reduce the financial impact on members of the trade we have:

- Worked with the suppliers to reduce the cost per CCTV unit.
- Liaised with Xtron UK (CCTV Supplier), Conders Garage (LTI Dealership) and One80 (Mercedes Hackney) to establish if they can work together to establish if they could supply new/used vehicles already fitted with CCTV as part of their package. All parties are willing to work together.
- Liaised with Xtron UK to set up finance / instalment packages to enable drivers to spread the cost of payment.

We also propose to introduce an incentive discount scheme, where a driver will be entitled to a discount on their annual vehicle licence fees if their vehicle is fitted with CCTV within the first year. A lesser discount is also available if fitted in the second year.

The discount only applies to those vehicles already licensed by P.C.C. Any new vehicle would not be entitled to discount.

The incentive scheme would only be valid within the two year introductory period and vehicle license fees will revert to the full amount after that period.

It is also worthy of note that the cost of the CCTV equipment can be offset against tax, V.A.T. claimed back if the vehicle owner is registered and most insurance companies will offer discounts to their policy holders if their vehicle is fitted with CCTV equipment.

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