



REVIEW OF TAXI & PRIVATE HIRE CONDITIONS

The Isle of Wight Council are responsible for licensing Hackney Carriages (commonly known as Taxis) and Private Hire Vehicles.

Currently the Isle of Wight is divided into four zones for taxi licensing.

On 17 January 2006 the Isle of Wight Council Regulatory Committee decided to amalgamate the four existing zones for taxi licensing into one single zone for the Isle of Wight. This means that any taxi will be able to stand on any taxi rank and pick up customers from the street anywhere on the Isle of Wight.

A Private Hire Vehicle can only be pre-booked and can not stand on a rank or be flagged down in the street.

The rules by which taxis currently operate are set out in conditions and byelaws for each of the old zones. The conditions for Private Hire Vehicles, Operators and all drivers are set out in conditions. The conditions and byelaws have not been reviewed since 1995 and with the amalgamation of the zones, this is now necessary.

The Isle of Wight Council will be holding presentations to explain the proposed conditions for taxi and private hire licensing at Newport Football Club, St Georges Park, St Georges Way, Newport, IOW, on the following dates:

Monday 20 March 2006 2pm until 3.30pm & 7pm until 8.30pm.

Wednesday 22 March 2006 8.30pm until 10.00pm (Amended Time)

Copies of the proposed conditions can be viewed on line at www.iwight.com; in all public libraries or at the offices below

All comments should be sent in writing by 17 April 2006 to:

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