



Redditch Borough Council

Consultation on Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Penalty Points Scheme

Redditch Borough Council is proposing to introduce a penalty points scheme as a tool to help secure compliance with licensing requirements from holders of the hackney carriage and private hire licences that the Council issues.

The basic idea of a penalty points scheme is to issue an appropriate number of points to those who commit minor offences or acts of non-compliance as an alternative to taking more formal action, with a view to identifying those that persistently commit minor offences or fail to comply with requirements placed upon them as licence holders.

A licence holder that reaches a certain number of points in a given period would then be referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee, which would consider whether or not to suspend or revoke the individual's licence.

The penalty points scheme is not intended to be used to deal with more serious offences or acts of non-compliance and in deciding what action to take, each case will continue to be considered on its own individual merits.

The draft penalty points scheme can be viewed and downloaded here:

<http://www.redditchbc.gov.uk/council/policy-and-strategy/consultations.aspx>

Please read the draft scheme before answering the questions below.

This consultation will remain open for responses until **Friday 10th June 2016**.

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1	In general terms, do you support the introduction of a penalty points scheme for those who hold hackney carriage and private hire licences issued by Redditch Borough Council? (please circle)	
	YES	NO
	Please provide reasons for your answer:	

2.	Are there any offences or other acts of non-compliance that are contained within the draft penalty points scheme that you think the Council should not include within any scheme they adopt?	
	YES	NO
	If answering YES, please specify and explain why you don't think the penalty points scheme should include these offences or acts of non-compliance:	

3.	Are there any other offences or acts of non-compliance that are not contained in the draft scheme you think the Council should include within any penalty points scheme they adopt?	
	YES	NO
	If answering YES, please specify and explain why you think the penalty points scheme should include these offences or acts of non-compliance:	

4.	The Council proposes to have those who receive 12 or more penalty points in a two year period, referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee. Do you think that this threshold is appropriate?	
	YES	NO
	If answering NO, what do you think the threshold should be when a licence holder is referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee?	

Please use this space to make any other comments or observations that you may have on the draft penalty points scheme?

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Once completed, please return your consultation response to:

Consultation on Penalty Points Scheme – Redditch Borough Council
Worcestershire Regulatory Services
Wyre Forest House
Finepoint Way
Kidderminster
Worcestershire
DY11 7WF

You can also return your consultation response via email to wrsenquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk

Finally you can submit your consultation response at the Reception Desk at the Town Hall in Redditch in an envelope marked for the attention of “Licensing.”