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The telephone number for enquires is: 020 4551 8711 and will be open Monday to Thursday from 9am to 5pm and Friday 9am to 4.30pm.

Most correspondence from the Office of the Traffic Commissioner will now be sent to operators digitally through the Vehicle Operator Licensing (VOL) Service or by email.

The best and most efficient way to reach us is digitally. Please upload documents through your VOL user account or send a direct message through VOL. There may be delays if you send correspondence to us by post.

If you wish to make an objection to a public service vehicle application it is recommended you send the details to PSVOperatorLicensing@otc.gov.uk clearly stating 'Objection' in the subject line.

If you are an existing operator without a VOL user account, and you would like one, please email Notifications@vehicle-operator-licensing.service.gov.uk and a member of staff will contact you as soon as possible to arrange this. You will need to answer some security questions.

General Notes

Layout and presentation – Entries in each section (other than in section 5) are listed in alphabetical order. Each entry is prefaced by a reference number, which should be quoted in all correspondence or enquiries.

Further notes precede sections where appropriate.

Accuracy of publication – Details published of applications and requests reflect information provided by applicants. The Traffic Commissioner cannot be held responsible for applications that contain incorrect information.

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Section 1 – PSV Operator Licensing

A statutory objector may inspect a public service vehicle operator's licence or application under Regulation 4 of The Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1995 by setting out their authority and requesting arrangements are made for inspecting the record by emailing – enquiries@otc.gov.uk

Objections against applications for licences must be made in writing by a Chief Officer of Police or by a local authority within 21 days of the date on which notice of an application is published in Notices and Proceedings. Objections must be made on the grounds that one or more of the requirements mentioned in Sections 14(1) and (3) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 are not satisfied in relation to the application. A copy of the objection must be sent by the objector to the applicant at the same time that it is sent to the Traffic Commissioner. The onus of proof in terms of the grounds on which an objection is lodged lies with the objector. There is no right of objection against an application for a special licence submitted under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985.

Classification of Operator Licences – There are four classes of licence:

- A **Standard International (SI)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on both national and international operations;
- A **Standard National (SN)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on national operations;
- A **Restricted licence (R)** authorises the use of:
  a) public service vehicles not adapted to carry more than eight passengers; and
  b) those not adapted to carry more than sixteen passengers when used otherwise than in the course of a business of carrying passengers or by a person whose main occupation is not the operation of public service vehicles adapted to carry more than eight passengers;
- A **Special Restricted (SR**) licence, issued under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985, authorises the holder of a taxi or private hire vehicle licence to operate local services.

Appeals in connection with PSV Operator Licences must be lodged with the Upper Tribunal – Administrative Appeal Chamber (Transport), 5th Floor, Rolls Building, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1NL not later than one month after the date of the letter conveying the Traffic Commissioner's (or Deputy Traffic Commissioner's) decision. Appellants can obtain guidance on lodging appeals, including downloading the appeal form, from the website: www.administrativeappeals.tribunals.gov.uk

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Section 1.1 – New Applications Received

PC2095789 SI **DPK COMMERCIALS LTD**
Director(s): Daniel Keane
HAFOD Y COED, ROSE LANE, LLONG, MOLD, CH7 4JL
Operating Centre: THE GRANGE, WARRINGTON ROAD, CHESTER, CH24EB
Authorisation: 3 vehicle(s)
Transport Manager(s): BETHAN DAVIES

PC2095752 SN **BH RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME LIMITED**
Director(s): SIRAJ MADARI, SARFARAZ PATEL
adelaide street, bolton, BL3 3NY
Operating Centre: BH RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME ADELAIDE STREET, ADELAIDE STREET, bolton, BL3 3NY
Authorisation: 2 vehicle(s)
Transport Manager(s): SARFARAZ PATEL

Section 1.2 – New Applications Granted

No entries

Section 1.3 – New Applications Refused

PC2093240 R **KEITH AUSTIN BROWNE**

Section 1.4 – Variation Applications Granted

PC0002691 SN **HUYTON TRAVEL LIMITED**
Director(s): SAMUEL GEORGE SCOTT, ANDREW DAVID MUIR, Samuel Damiani Mendes Ribeiro
37 WILSON ROAD, LIVERPOOL, L36 6AN
New operating centre: Riverbank Road, Wirral International Business Park, Bromborough, CH62 3JQ
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 60 vehicle(s)
Increase at existing operating centre: 37 WILSON ROAD, LIVERPOOL, L36 6AN
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 65 vehicle(s)
New licence authorisation will be 125 vehicle(s)
Transport Manager(s): Mary Carruthers
Condition to be removed: The number of vehicles which may be used under the licence is limited to 35 until 1st April 2006.. Attached to licence
New Undertaking Vehicles with eight passenger seats or less will not be operated under the licence without the prior written agreement of the Traffic Commissioner who may require you to agree to certain undertakings. Attached to licence

PC2038880 SN **TM PRIVATE HIRE LIMITED**
Director(s): LORI MORAN, PAUL MICHAEL ROBINSON
123 ROWTON GRANGE ROAD, CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, HIGH PEAK, SK23 0LE
New operating centre: Units 1 + 2, Station Approach, Chapel-en-le-Frith, SK23 9RE
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 12 vehicle(s)
Removed operating centre: UNIT 2, CENTRAL STATION, STATION ROAD, CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, SK23 9RE
New licence authorisation will be 12 vehicle(s)

PC1144803 SN **THOMAS CHARLES OWEN & KATE REBECCA OWEN**
Partner(s): THOMAS CHARLES OWEN, KATE REBECCA OWEN
80 ROYDEN ROAD, BILLINGE, WIGAN, WN5 7LP
New operating centre: JOHN MASON INTERNATIONAL LTD, STOPGATE PARK, STOPGATE LANE, LIVERPOOL, L33 4AA
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 25 vehicle(s)
New operating centre: ISLAND PARK LTD, WASH FARM HOUSE, RAINFORD ROAD, BICKERSTAFFE, ORMSKIRK, L39 0HF
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 4 vehicle(s)
Removed operating centre: JOHN MASON INTERNATIONAL LTD, 35 WILSON ROAD, LIVERPOOL, L36 6AE
New licence authorisation will be 48 vehicle(s)

PC2086065 SN **GROUND TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS LTD**
Director(s): ROBERT BRAEGER, MIHALY VIKTOR GHEORGHE
12 GILDED WAY, KIRKBY, LIVERPOOL, L32 4AJ
Increase at existing operating centre: UNIT S4, FARADAY ROAD, KNOWSLEY INDUSTRIAL PARK, LIVERPOOL, L33 7UT
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 10 vehicle(s)
New licence authorisation will be 11 vehicle(s)

PC2033356 SN **HIGH BEE LTD**
Director(s): RYAN BOND, JAMES MELIA
HALTON MILL, MILL LANE, HALTON, LANCASTER, LA2 6ND
Increase at existing operating centre: BIRCH FARM, DOCTOR FOLD LANE, HEYWOOD, OL10 2QE
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 5 vehicle(s)

PC2039500 SN **BIBBY BM LTD**
Director(s): RICHARD CHARLES BIBBY, JEANETTE BIBBY
304 CHURCH ROAD, URMSTON, MANCHESTER, M41 6JJ
Increase at existing operating centre: ISHERWOOD PARK, ISHERWOOD ROADL, CARRINGTON, MANCHESTER, M31 4BH
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 12 vehicle(s)
New licence authorisation will be 12 vehicle(s)

PC2042831 SI **MINIBUSES LTD**
Director(s): MATTHEW JAMES TIGHE
5 WILSHAW GROVE, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, OL7 9QX
New operating centre: EASY ACCESS ASHTON, RICHMOND STREET, Ashton under Lyne, OL67ES
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 7 vehicle(s)
Removed operating centre: UNIT C3, CASTLE PARK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BOWER STREET, OLDHAM, OL1 3LN
New licence authorisation will be 7 vehicle(s)
New Condition Vehicles with seating capacity of more than 16 passenger seats, will not be operated from or parked at the operating centre at EASY ACCESS ASHTON, RICHMOND STREET, Ashton under Lyne, OL67ES. If a vehicle with a seating capacity of more than 16 passenger seats is to be operated at any time in the future, a more suitable operating centre will be nominated beforehand.. Attached to Operating: EASY ACCESS ASHTON, RICHMOND STREET, Ashton under Lyne, OL67ES

PC2072906 SI **EP TRAVEL LTD**
Director(s): YAKUB PATEL
162 BOLTON ROAD, BLACKBURN, BB2 4HL
Increase at existing operating centre: UNIT 2 & 3, KENT STREET MILL, KENT STREET, BLACKBURN, BB1 1DE
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 4 vehicle(s)
New licence authorisation will be 4 vehicle(s)

Section 1.5 – Variation Applications Refused

No entries

Section 1.6 – Licences Surrendered

PC0005208 R **Licence surrendered WEF 4 November 2026**
DAVID JOHN RICHARDS
7 THIRLSTONE AVENUE, OLDHAM, OL4 2LF

Section 1.7– Applications Withdrawn Prior to Determination

No entries

Section 1.8 – Licences Revoked Without a Public Inquiry

PC2079272 SN **SAEED TARIQ CHOWHAN**
110 HIGHER HOUSE CLOSE, CHADDERTON, OLDHAM, OL9 8LP
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been revoked with immediate effect.

Section 1.9 – Conditions Imposed Under Section 16.3 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (without a Public Inquiry)

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Section 2 – Registration of Local Bus Services

When an application is sent to the Office of the Traffic Commissioner, a copy of all application forms and supporting documents must also be sent to each of the county councils and unitary authorities in whose area the service will operate. Failure to do so may delay acceptance of the application.

Some of the periods of notice applicable before the operation of registered services, including variations or cancellations, are at the discretion of the Traffic Commissioner. In such cases the application must be accompanied by a written explanation of why a short notice period is required.

Copies of local bus service registrations can be made available for inspection under section 56 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 by emailing – copyregistrations@otc.gov.uk
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Our website contains details of all applications listed in this section. The address is: www.gov.uk/traffic-commissioners

Multi operator travelcards and BODS

Operators with registered local bus services in England will be aware of obligations to provide information on routes and timetables, fares, and vehicle location data to the Bus Open Data Service. A recent Bus Open Data (BODS) development is the ability to accept fares details for multi operator travelcards, thus it is now a mandatory requirement for this information to be provided to BODS. Failure to do so may result in regulatory action by the Traffic Commissioners. Equally importantly, details of these products will not be available on BODS and therefore journey planners and apps may not contain these products.

To prevent multiple recording of such tickets (and prevent inadvertent recording of conflicting information), BODS has been set up to receive a "master" notification for each multi operator travelcard product from one "lead" operator, with all other participating operators then able to provide only the details of the routes/services included in the scheme product. The nominated lead operator need not be the operator administering or controlling the scheme, and indeed many such schemes are led by the local transport authority or an independent third party. As such, it will be necessary to agree within the scheme who the "lead" operator is to be.

The "lead" operator must supply to BODS details of the geographic scope of the multi operator travelcard, the products that are available (child day, adult week, adult month etc) and the prices of these, how these products can be paid for, and the National Operator Codes (NOCs) of the other participating operators. They also need to advise which of their own services are included. Once these data have been uploaded to BODS, all the other participating operators will be notified and will then be able to upload details of their services that are included in the scheme.

It is imperative that operators act quickly to agree the "lead" operator and commence the process of uploading data to BODS. In case of any queries, please refer these to the BODS helpdesk.

Section 2.1 – Registration of New Services

PC0002691/193 **HUYTON TRAVEL LIMITED, 37 WILSON ROAD, LIVERPOOL, L36 6AN**
From: Bretton, Broughton Shopping Park
To: Woodside Interchange
Via: Queensferry, Eastham, Birkenhead Bus Station
Name or No.: 811
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 25 October 2026
Other details: Monday to Fridays (No Bank holidays)

Section 2.2 – Registration of New Services Granted Under Short Notice

PC0004853/43 **LITTLE TRANSPORT LTD, HALLAM FIELDS ROAD, ILKESTON, DE7 4AZ**
From: Victoria Avenue , Borrowash , Derby
To: Derby, Morledge
Via: Borrowash, Ockbrook, Spondon, Chaddesden, Derby
Name or No.: 9 / 9A
Service type: Normal Stopping
Effective date: 02 February 2026
Other details: Monday to Saturday no service on Bank Holidays
Hourly

Section 2.3 – Applications to Vary Existing Services

No entries

Section 2.4 – Applications to Vary Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

PC1090231/175 **D & G BUS LIMITED, MOSSFIELD ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
Operating between CONGLETON FAIRGROUND BUS STATION and CONGLETON, BROMLEY ESTATE, given service number 90 effective from 28 September 2026. To amend Timetable.

PC1090231/184 **D & G BUS LIMITED, MOSSFIELD ROAD, STOKE-ON-TRENT, ST3 5BW**
Operating between Congleton Bus Station and Congleton Bus Station given service number 93A / 93C effective from 28 September 2026. To amend Timetable.

PG1115480/20 **M & H COACHES LIMITED, UNIT 2, BRICKWORK GARAGE, TREFNANT, BODFARI ROAD, DENBIGH, LL16 4UH**
Operating between Ruthin, Wynnstay Road Coffa and Corwen, Gereen Lane Maes Parcio given service number T8A effective from 26 October 2026. To amend Timetable.

Section 2.5 – Cancellations of Existing Services

PC0001141/91 **ARRIVA MERSEYSIDE LIMITED, 73 ORMSKIRK ROAD, LIVERPOOL, L9 5AE**
Operating between St Helens Bus Station and Wigan Bus Station given service number 352 effective from 08 October 2026.

Section 2.6 – Cancellations of Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

PC0001086/107 **ERIC W.BOWERS COACHES LIMITED, 43 WENLOCK WAY, LEICESTER, LE4 9HU**
Operating between Sylvan Park, Buxton and Sylvan Park, Buxton given service number 58B effective from 31 October 2026.

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Section 3 – Traffic Regulation Conditions

Section 3.1 – Requests

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Section 4 – Public Inquiries

Anyone wishing to observe a physical or virtual public inquiry must request to do so from the relevant Office of the Traffic Commissioner in advance of the hearing. Due to space or technology restrictions we may not be able to accommodate all requests.

Please contact Northwesthc@otc.gov.uk for further information.

There is no obligation on the traffic commissioner to provide a transcript of proceedings. Any decision to release will refer to the reasons for the request and there may be restrictions placed on its use. That request should be made via the relevant Office of The Traffic Commissioner and the applicant must understand that they will be liable for the cost of producing the transcript. This will vary according to demand and size of content.

Appeals in connection with PSV Operator Licences must be lodged with the Upper Tribunal – Administrative Appeal Chamber (Transport), 5th Floor, Rolls Building, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1NL not later than one month after the date of the letter conveying the Traffic Commissioner's (or Deputy Traffic Commissioner's) decision. Appellants can obtain guidance on lodging appeals, including downloading the appeal form, from the website: www.administrativeappeals.tribunals.gov.uk

Section 4.1 – Notice of Public Inquiries to be Held

Public Inquiry (94423) to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington, on 25 January 2027 commencing at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(3244)) Previous hearing on 14 October 2026 was adjourned.
PC2090326
BILAL KHAN
BILAL KHAN
18 SHERWOOD ROAD, BLACKBURN, BB1 1TU
S14 - Consideration of new application under Section 14 (The Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981)
S13 - Main occupation

Section 4.2 – Decisions Taken at Public Inquiries

Public Inquiry (94011) held at The IBIS Styles Hotel Haydock, 4 Galway Crescent, Piele Road, Haydock St Helens WA11 0GR, on 28 July 2026 commenced at 10:30 (Previous Publication:(3235))
PC2089882 SN
BLACKROCK MINIBUSES LIMITED
Director(s): ALI HAMZA
278 KATHERINE STREET, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, OL6 7BA
S17 - Application granted with 2 undertakings - two undertakings - finances and audit

Public Inquiry (94489) held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington, on 28 October 2026 commenced at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(3246))
PC2011847 SN
VIVA MINIBUS LIMITED
Director(s): ALAN EWART MCCONNELL
39 RADNOR AVENUE, DENTON, MANCHESTER, M34 2QT
S17 - Licence section 17(2)(d) of the Act with effect from 23:45 hours on 28 October 2026 and by attaching a condition to licence PC2011847 that the number of vehicles authorised under the licence is limited from 5 vehicles to 4 vehicles indefinitely.

Undertakings
1. The operator undertakes to identify an independent body to carry out an audit of transport safety and compliance systems. The audit will assess the systems for complying with maintenance and/or drivers hours requirements, and the effectiveness with which those systems are implemented. The audit should cover at least the applicable elements detailed in the guidance on Operator Compliance Audits available at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/operator-compliance-audits. A copy of the report together with the operator's detailed proposals for implementing the report's recommendations is to be uploaded to the licence record via the Vehicle Operator Licensing self-service account, or, if the operator does not have a self-service account, emailed to notifications@vehicle-operator-licensing.service.gov.uk by 31 May 2027.

2. The operator undertakes to instruct a specialist transport consultant for a minimum average period of 1 day per month for the next six months until 27 April 2027 and at least half a day a month from 28 April 2027 until 27 October 2027.

Public Inquiry (94475) held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington, on 27 October 2026 commenced at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(3247))
PC2082637 SN
BON VOYAGE EXECUTIVE TRAVEL LIMITED
Director(s): JOHN MAKINSON, CLARE MAKINSON
46 MARTIN LANE, BURSCOUGH, ORMSKIRK, L40 0RT
S17 - Undertaking - The operator undertakes to instruct a specialist transport consultant for a minimum of 12 months (i.e. until 27 October 2027) to appropriately advise and guide the operator going forward.

S17 - No Further Action

Section 4.3 – Notice of Transport Manager Public Inquiries to be Held

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 483984, Public Inquiry ID: 107938) for VICTORIA JO-HANNAH BROWN to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge,
on 15 December 2026 commencing at 10:00
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 482916, Public Inquiry ID: 107630) for LEE BUSHELL to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge,
on 3 November 2026 commencing at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(3248))
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 484264, Public Inquiry ID: 107998) for RAFAELA REBECA FOCSA to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,
on 17 December 2026 commencing at 02:00
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 484263, Public Inquiry ID: 107997) for COSMIN CIANGU to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,
on 17 December 2026 commencing at 02:00
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 483832, Public Inquiry ID: 107884) for Ms RUPINDER KAUR to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 15 December 2026 commencing at 14:00

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 483871, Public Inquiry ID: 108069) for Mr STEPHEN WRAGG to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 16 December 2026 commencing at 10:00
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

Section 4.4 – Decisions Taken at Transport Manager Public Inquiries

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 481912, Public Inquiry ID: 107307) for SIMON CHRISTOPHER SHORT to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge,
on 29 September 2026 commencing at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(3244))
No further action

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 482750, Public Inquiry ID: 107576) for JULIE ALICE PAYNE to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 28 October 2026 commencing at 10:00 (Previous Publication:(3247))
Mrs Payne repute is tarnished but not lost.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 482736, Public Inquiry ID: 107569) for Mr ALAN EWART MCCONNELL to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Warrington), WA3 2SH, Suite 4, Stone Cross Place, Stone Cross Lane North, Golborne, Warrington,
on 28 October 2026 commencing at 14:00 (Previous Publication:(3246))
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3 - a strong formal warning that should similar incidents arise in the future it is likely that more formal regulatory action will follow.

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 480302, Public Inquiry ID: 107263) for IAN ROSE to be held at The Public Inquiry Room (Birmingham), B15 1PL, 38 George Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham,
on 16 September 2026 commencing at 14:00
Schedule 3 - Ian Rose's repute is lost; disqualified for one year with effect from 23:45 hours on 16 October 2026.

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Section 5 – Corrections

Section 6 – Special Notices

On 24th September 2023 the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) Franchising Scheme for buses came into force using powers granted by the Transport Act 2000. The initial area for the scheme (Tranche 1) covers Bolton, Wigan, parts of Bury, Salford, Manchester. The Combined Authority, through Transport for Greater Manchester, are now responsible for the registration of the majority of the local bus services that operate within the franchise area and they will not appear in the Notices and Proceedings. Services that have been transferred to GMCA will show as 'Admin Cancelled' on the gov.uk website.

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) Franchising Scheme

The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) have published their intention to introduce a bus franchising scheme. A Transition Notice has been published and is available here: https://liverpoolcityregion-ca.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s69577/Appendix%203%20-%20Draft%20Transitional%20Notice.pdf.

Any application to vary or cancel a registration for services wholly within the franchising area are subject to an extended notice period of up to 112 days. New registrations will continue under the usual timeframes.

On commencement of the scheme the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) will take responsibility for registering services wholly within the franchising area. These services will no longer appear in Notices & Proceedings, and Traffic Commissioner records will be marked as "Admin Cancelled" on GOV.UK.

Carriage of passengers to designated association football matches.

Legal Requirements

PSV operators are reminded of the terms of section 1(1) of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985, as amended by the Public Order Act 1986, which prohibits the carriage of alcohol on a PSV that is being used for the principal purpose of carrying passengers for the whole or part of a journey to or from a designated sporting event.

PSV operators are also reminded of the terms of section 2A of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985, as amended by the Public Order Act 1986, which prohibits the possession of a firework or an article or substance, whose main purpose is the emission of a flare, smoke or a visible gas, at any time during the period of, while entering or trying to enter a designated sporting event.

A 'designated sporting event' generally means certain association football matches, whether national or international, as defined in Schedule 2 of the Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) Order 2005 (as amended). It is an offence for an operator of a

PSV (or his servant or agent) to knowingly cause or permit the carriage of alcohol on journeys to which these Regulations apply.

Voluntary Guidelines on the carriage of passengers to association football matches - England and Wales

For many years the PSV industry has complied with a voluntary code of practice whereby operators taking passengers to a designated sporting event meet certain guidelines set by the police. This has worked very well, and it has seldom been necessary for a traffic commissioner to take any further action against an operator who has contravened the guidelines. Nevertheless the police in England and Wales are concerned that incidents of football related violence and disorder do still occur.

The guidelines were drafted in conjunction with the Confederation of Passenger Transport (CPT), the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), the Coach Operators Federation (COF) and the Association of Transport Coordinating Officers (ATCO) and are set out below:

a. PSV operators taking bookings from groups of supporters are to notify the relevant Dedicated Football Officer (DFO), at least 48 hours before the event, of the number of supporters expected to travel, the number of vehicles booked, the name and the contact number for the person who made the booking. Once available the operator must also notify the VRM and driver's name to the relevant Dedicated Football Officer.

   For the purpose of these guidelines, the relevant Dedicated Football Officer means the DFO for the club that the fans are travelling to support. For example, West Ham are playing a premier league game away to Leeds United. Operator A has been contracted to transport West Ham fans from Romford and the relevant DFO is the DFO for West Ham. Operator B has been contracted to carry Leeds United fans to the game from Barrow in Furness. In this case the relevant DFO is the DFO for Leeds.

b. Vehicles are not to stop within 10 miles of the venue either enroute to, or on departure from the event unless prior agreement is obtained from the relevant Dedicated Football Officer.

c. Unless directed by a police officer, PSVs may stop at premises where intoxicating liquor is sold only if it is sold ancillary to a substantial meal. Prior agreement for meal stops where alcohol is available should be sought from the operator's relevant Dedicated Football Officer.

d. PSVs are to arrive at the venue no earlier than two hours before and not later than one hour before the scheduled start of the game, unless otherwise directed by police.

e. PSVs are not to set down or uplift passengers at any unauthorised locations without prior permission of the police.

f. PSVs must leave the venue within 30 minutes of the finish of the event, unless directed otherwise by a police officer or ground safety officer.

g. PSV operators are to follow all reasonable instruction given by police or enforcement officers at all times. This includes, but is not limited to, routing and stopping arrangements.

h. Intoxicating liquor, flares and similar pyrotechnics, must not be carried on PSVs travelling to or from designated grounds. Operators will draw hirers' attention to the

requirements of the law, and drivers shall, as far as reasonably practical, supervise boarding passengers and check that they are not obviously carrying intoxicating alcohol, flares and similar pyrotechnics. Drivers will not be expected to carry out baggage or body searches, nor will they be expected to confiscate alcohol or to remove passengers without police assistance. Operators may add a condition of entry to the PSV that a voluntary search may be undertaken.

i. PSV operators are to notify the Dedicated Football Officer at the destination upon arrival at an away football ground, of any chanting demonstrating hostility based on race, ethnicity religion or beliefs, sexual orientation, disability, and transgender identity or chanting of an otherwise grossly offensive or inflammatory nature which had taken place during the journey to the ground.

j. PSV operators are to have established safeguarding policies when carrying persons under the age of 18 years old. This is to include arrangements for the nomination of at least one responsible adult for the minors carried.

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