



## South Tyneside Council

### **Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles – Tinted Glass Policy**

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2013 the Council's Licensing and Regulatory Committee agreed a new policy to control the level of tint permitted in vehicles submitted for licensing as hackney carriages and private hire vehicles. The policy is as follows;

- All Rear Windows/Glass Minimum Light Transmittance - **35%**
- Front Windscreen Light Transmittance - 75% (legal requirement)
- Front Side Window Light Transmittance – 70% (legal Requirement)

The policy will be applied in the following way;

- Vehicles already licensed are excluded until such time as you change your vehicle.
- Vehicles with a tinted film are required to remove the film before renewal of the licence.
- Vehicles which are licensed in accordance with the council's Executive Hire Policy are exempt from the requirements of this tinted windows policy.

The introduction of a policy on the level of tint permitted is for new and changes of vehicle only with the exception of currently vehicles fitted with tinted film/vinyl or the like, which must be removed before relicensing will be permitted. Vehicles licensed under the Council's Limousine Policy are excluded from the tinted windows/glass policy.

**If you are considering licensing a new vehicle or changing your existing vehicle, please contact the Licensing Section and arrange for the vehicle to be checked before you purchase the vehicle. This is to ensure that the vehicle is suitable for licensing but also to ensure that the glass fitted is above the required tint level.**