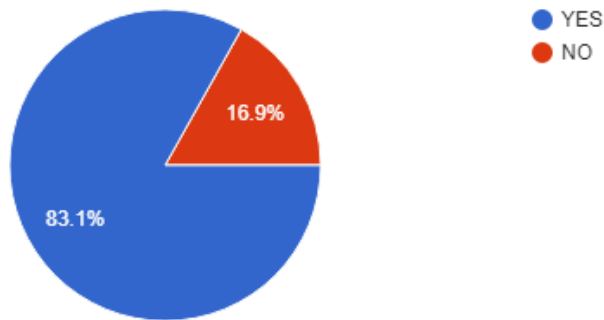


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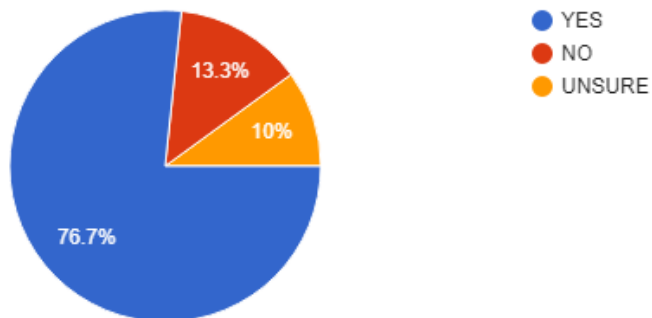
Have you read the guidance of Suitability document?

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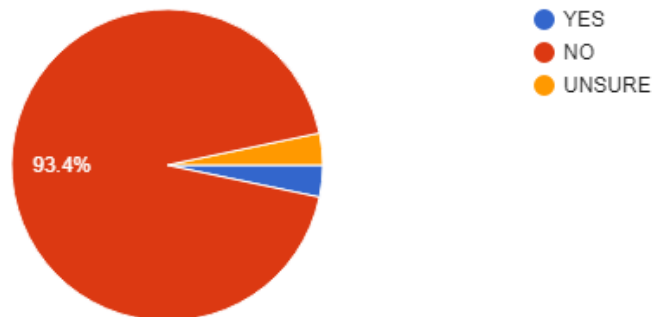
Do you feel that the current DBS check system is enough in determining an applicant's suitability for holding a taxi or private hire licence?

90 responses



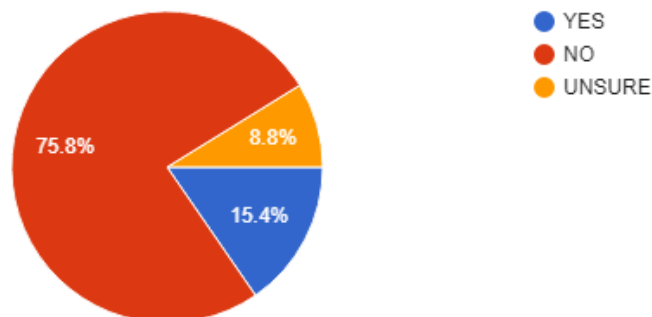
The 'totting up' of points is currently set at a total of 12 points for minor offences before a driver is banned. The... more points. Do you agree with this?

91 responses



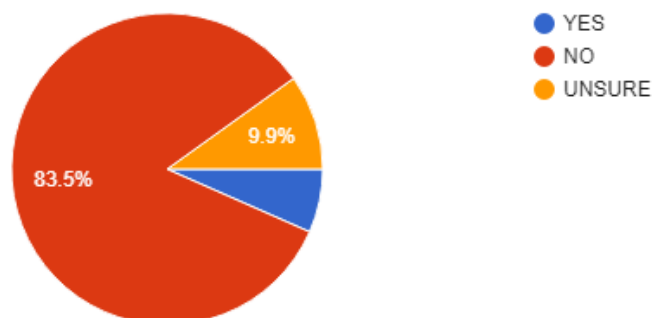
Do you agree that the Council has the right to add additional length to bans on holding a taxi or private hire licenc...y received by a driver from the Courts?

91 responses



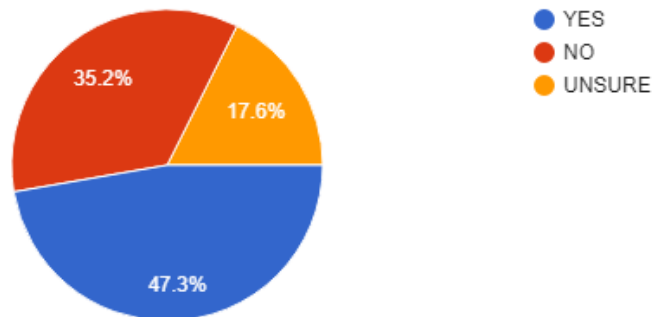
The council want to impose additional bans on drivers of 5 years when they have been convicted of using a mobile telephone. Do you agree with this?

91 responses



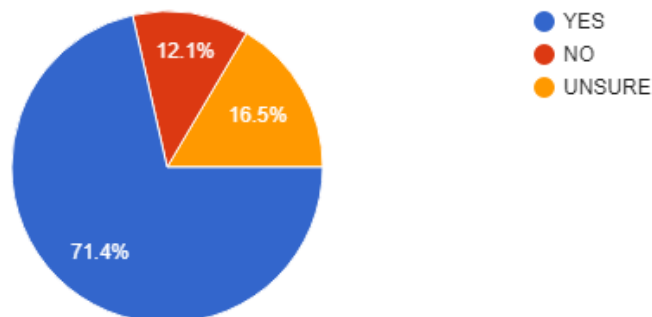
Do you feel that there needs to be some type of 'Fit and Proper' policy put in place by the Council?

91 responses



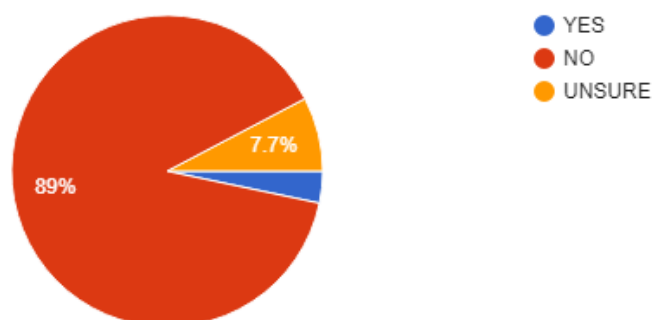
Do you think it more appropriate to see a person's 'fit and proper' status determined by a panel of representati... members of the licensing committee?

91 responses



Do you prefer to have this decision made by one person at the council under delegated powers?

91 responses



OTHER COMMENTS

I think there has been no importance given to drivers safety as myself and others have been attacked. I think drivers are in a bigger danger. There are cameras for passenger safety and I am in favour of continuous voice recording if that helps but punishing someone after they have served their legal punishment is a bit harsh. Some offences are unacceptable in this profession but some of the punishments mentioned for other offenses seems very harsh and can ruin people's lives, families and earnings. Council have a duty towards both drivers and passengers. (2)

I think this shouldn't be in the law at all

If a driver get a ban from the council, they'll just go to another council, get a licence and drive for Uber in Southampton

With reference on using a mobile telephone, there needs to be clear guidance on what constitutes an offence when using the PDA while driving as we are being recorded on CCTV.

One person decisions always proves wrong and one-sided. Power shouldn't be used by one person. Stop targeting driver just because they are individual. All drivers helping to move Southampton transport system smoothly.

I think a medical personnel should determine this not someone with no medical experience

I think if the 'fit and proper' free of charge is good and thinking about health and safety but if you want to charge it's means how to make money and misuses the rules.

Fit and Proper, needs to be determined by Fair and Just and should NOT be decided by one person.

This document appears to be trying to merge criminal convictions (that should be punished with longer bans) with minor driving convictions. As a society we all have to accept that anything over 12 points renders us unfit to drive, but imposing stricter rules for taxi drivers risks us losing our livelihoods for what could be a simple one off mistake. Royston Smith our MP for Itchen would not be a fit and proper person under these guidelines following his "innocent mistake" for driving without insurance.

One person making such an impactful decision on a driver's life, financial status and family circumstances is fearful and tyrannical to say the least.

Whatever the law is that should be applied to punish someone the council should not take the law into their own hands they are not above the law.

I think to decide about a driver to be fit and proper the licensing should need to seek advice from the GP and psychiatric to provide the person's past medical history and mental history and should ask the person to provide these certificates after every three years or at the license Renewal time. 2. The DBS is ok but should be on an annual basis rather than three years or five years.

As a taxi driver we all have a medical report if there is any problem with our health the council will know this driver are not fit so there is no question about our health and also criminal record again we have a DBS check. I do this job for almost 11 years in the past eleven years I never had any issue so that means I know what to do.

I am totally disagreed about the council one man power and police department enough for that.

Thanks

If that's how Mr Bates and his team want to play then let's relocate to the New Forest! Let's be honest he's done us no favours!

The council should bring the topography test back in and any drivers that are working now without completing a test should be made to take one...

Bring back the topography test for new drivers

No one person should be allowed to determine someone's future. It leaves the decision open to biased decision and personal agenda

The Council has become too relaxed in the whole vetting process, they need to reinstate the topography test and add an English speaking test (if the examiner doesn't understand a word that is spoken then the general public won't either.) As to additional 5 year bans on motoring offences the Council should start with warnings, and repeat offenders should be dismissed

outrageous} they are exceeding there powers.

Any extra policies added is for a few peoples gains to make extra cash and will not benefit taxi drivers at all.