

Report To:	General Purposes Board	Date: 12 January 2011
Report By:	Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Report No: LA/633/11
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Subject:	Dress Code for Taxi Drivers	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request that the Board considers introducing a dress code for taxi drivers.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At present Inverclyde Council has no dress code with which taxi drivers are obliged to comply.
- 2.2 A number of local authorities throughout Scotland have introduced dress codes for taxi drivers and examples from Renfrewshire Council, Glasgow City Council and Edinburgh City Council are attached as Appendix 1
- 2.3 The adoption of a dress code would ensure that taxi drivers are smart and presentable in appearance and it is therefore recommended that the Board considers adopting a dress code with which taxi drivers are obliged to comply.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Board considers introducing a dress code with which taxi drivers would be obliged to comply

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Drivers' Dress Code

Renfrewshire Council operates a strict dress code for licensed taxi and private hire car drivers. All drivers must meet the following dress code:

Male Drivers

- plain shirt (any colour)
- plain tie (any colour)
- navy blue or black trousers
- black dress shoes

Female Drivers

- plain blouse (any colour)
- navy blue or black skirt or trousers
- black dress shoes

The following items of clothing must **never** be worn:

- trainers
- baseball caps
- tracksuits
- denims
- casual clothing
- T-shirts

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GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL
**PRIVATE HIRE CAR AND TAXI DRIVER'S
DRESS CODE**

The following code has been drafted by the Licensing Authority with the assistance of the following bodies:- Strathclyde Police; Glasgow City Council Enforcement Unit; Greater Glasgow Private Hire Association ; and Glasgow Wide TOA Ltd – and has to be observed by all Private Hire Car and Taxi Driver's licensed by this Authority.

1. All drivers are required to dress smartly and to maintain a clean and tidy appearance.
2. If your radio base requires you to wear a uniform or comply with a certain standard of dress, you must do so.
3. If your radio base does not operate a dress code, you are required to dress appropriately: for men, a long or short sleeved shirt and tie is the preferred option, although a long or short sleeved shirt with no tie is acceptable, and for women: tailored slacks or skirt and a long or short sleeved blouse is the preferred option.
4. Denims, shorts, T-shirts, track suits and other casual sports leisure suits are not acceptable, as are sleeveless shirts, blouses or casual polo shirts.
5. You must be clean and presentable at all times.
6. Your hair should be clean and combed, and men with moustaches or beards should ensure that they are kept neat and trimmed.

SCHEDULE E
CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982
TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER DRESS CODE

As from 18 June 2002 and as amended by the Council from time to time, all taxi and private hire car drivers must comply with the following dress code:

Male Drivers

- Shirt with collar either open neck or (preferably) with tie
- Smart trousers
- Shoes

Female Drivers

- A blouse
- Smart skirt or trousers
- Shoes

The following must not be worn:

- Training shoes
- Baseball caps
- Track suits
- Denims
- T-shirts