

Rationale for increase in Officers

Brief:

UDC Currently has

1 FTE Senior (supervisor) enforcement officer
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Aside from other licensing matters to deal with they have the following to ensure compliance within the taxi/PHV trade UDC has approximately

- 100 operators
- 2500 vehicles
- 2300 drivers

Current staff

- Involved in reactive investigations
- Taxi/PHV compliance checks in UDC
- Operator checks – 2 a week

Additional Officers needed to meet DfT Standards

[Statutory & Best Practice Guidance for taxi and PHV licensing authorities \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/671122/statutory-guidance-taxi-phv-licensing-authorities.pdf)

Additional 0.5 FTE Safeguarding officers (added to the drivers licence) - Chapter 4

Is necessary to develop Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs) with Operators and County Councils to ensure that UDC meet Gov Standards of sharing information Relationships will need to be developed with every county council that our licensed vehicles and drivers provide Regulated Services

Additional 1.0 FTE (added to Vehicle license) - Chapter 7

A further 1.0 FTE enforcement officer is needed to carry out compliance checks with (our soon to be contracted) garages and ensure the vehicles that they inspect are safe. To work with stakeholders outside of Essex & Uttlesford to ensure our licensed vehicles are appropriately licensed and so maintain the safety benefits of the licensing regime.