

Appendix 3

Comparison Table for Convictions Policy

Suitability of new applicants is considered in relation to the period of time that has elapsed since the conviction or sentence. Offences are grouped in categories. This table shows a summary of the current and proposed policy

Offence Category	Reading Borough Council's current Conviction Policy	New Conviction Sentencing requirements based on Statutory standards	Officers Rationale
Exploitation	Nothing currently	Never	This is a new requirement since the RBC conviction policy was approved in 2011. Any previous concerns regarding this would have been brought before the Licensing Sub-Committee
Violence	10 years	All offences 10 years	No change
Possession of Weapon	3 years	7 years	An increase of 4 years from our current policy
Sexual Offences	Never/10 & 3 years	Never for all offences	This will apply to ALL Sexual Offences
Dishonesty	3 years	7 years	An increase of 4 years from our current policy
Drugs	Supply 5 years Possession 5 years	Supply 10 years Possession 5 years	A further increase in years for the supply of a controlled substance.
Discrimination	7 years	7 years	No change

<p>Motoring convictions New Applicants</p>	<p>Minor – isolated incidents should not prevent a person from holding a licence, but the number, type and frequency should be taken into account.</p> <p>Major – an isolated conviction should normally merit a warning. More than one within the last 2 years should merit refusal and no further application should be considered for a period of 7 years from the time a conviction has elapsed.</p>	<p>More than one minor - 3 years</p> <p>One or more major – 10 years</p>	<p>This is a complete change to our current policy this will ensure that RBC's high standards are met and that licensed drivers adhere to them at all times. This will in turn ensure the safety of all members of the public and other road users.</p>
<p>Motoring convictions - current licence holders</p>	<p>12 points or DVLA Disqualification</p>	<p>Two minor or one major up to 6 points - licence holder to complete driving assessment More than 6 points referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee for revocation</p>	<p>This will make drivers aware that they will be required to ensure that their standard of driving is at a high standard at all times.</p>
<p>Drink driving/driving under the influence of drugs</p>	<p>3 years since conviction</p>	<p>7 years since conviction or completion of any sentence or driving ban</p>	<p>An increase of 4 years from our current policy</p>
<p>Use of handheld device whilst driving</p>	<p>Nothing at present</p>	<p>5 years since conviction or completion of any sentence or driving ban.</p>	<p>This is a new requirement since the RBC conviction policy was approved in 2011.</p>
<p>Hackney carriage or private hire offence</p>	<p>3 years</p>	<p>7 years</p>	<p>An increase of 4 years from our current policy</p>