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## A £15m package of support for Birmingham's taxi trade

Dear licensed taxi owner or driver,

Our city is on a journey to clean air, which includes the introduction of a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) in the city centre next year. And as part of the preparations for the CAZ Birmingham's taxi licensing policy has been updated.

This means that from January 2020 Hackney carriages over 15 years old and private hire vehicles over 12 years old will not be re-licensed\*. Vehicles under these age limits will be able to continue to operate (up to the point they reach the age limit) but if they are not CAZ compliant they will need to pay the £8 daily charge to enter the zone once it goes live later next year.

We understand that these changes will have an impact on you so we have created a **£15m package of support** to help you make the move to a clean air vehicle or technology.

The leaflet in this pack sets out the options available to you and includes grants towards the following:

- **Retrofit technology for your existing vehicle**
- **A contribution towards the running costs of an electric or plug in hybrid vehicle**
- **A contribution towards the outright purchase of an electric or plug in hybrid vehicle**

We are also creating a **rental scheme with at least 50 electric vehicles** which will be available to rent or 'try before you buy' basis.

\* Some exemptions apply, refer to the licensing policy.

Go to [brumbreathes.co.uk/taxis](https://brumbreathes.co.uk/taxis) to express your interest in one (or more) of these options by **20 October 2019**. The information you provide is non binding and will be used to help ensure that the providers of these technologies and solutions have sufficient supply to meet demand.

Once applications for these options are open we will contact you with more information about how to apply.

Yours faithfully

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For more information about Birmingham's CAZ:

**[brumbreathes.co.uk/taxis](https://brumbreathes.co.uk/taxis)**

