



**MEETING:** LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE SPOKESPERSONS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE TRADE

**DATE:** Tuesday 25th January, 2022

**TIME:** 10.30 am

**VENUE:** **VIRTUAL MEETING VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

## LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE SPOKESPERSONS

### Member

Councillor John Kelly (Chair)  
Councillor Mike Prendergast  
Councillor Carran Waterfield

### Substitute

Councillor Bradshaw  
Councillor Mike Morris  
Councillor Gordon Friel

## HACKNEY CARRIAGE TRADE REPRESENTATIVES / SUBSTITUTES

### **Representative**

### **Substitute**

• <u>North Sefton Hackney Carriage Association</u> Mr Tony Crabtree	Vacant
• <u>South Sefton Hackney Carriage Association</u> Mr Scott Day	Mr Steve Brown
• <u>North West Taxi Association</u> Mr Trevor Jones	Vacant
• <u>Unite the Union</u> Mr Thomas McIntyre	Vacant
• <u>Southport Station Hackney Carriage Association</u> Mr John Murrison	Mr Frank McLachlan

## PRIVATE HIRE TRADE REPRESENTATIVES / SUBSTITUTES

### **Representative**

### **Substitute**

• <u>Central Cabs, Southport</u> Mr Alan Campbell	Mr Paul Sinclair
• <u>Aintree Garage Association</u> Mr Michael Denning	Vacant
• <u>All Whites, Southport</u> Mr Adrian Hughes	Mr Peter Robertson
• <u>Berry Street Garage Association</u> Mr Joseph Johnson	Ms Denise Bennett
• <u>Uber</u> Mr Matthew Freckleton	Vacant
• <u>Delta Merseyside</u> Mr Paul McLaughlin	Mr Gary Beesley
• <u>Sefton Fleet Association</u> Mr Thomas Robinson	Vacant
• <u>Sefton Private Hire Fleet Operators Association</u> Mr Mark Sanders	Vacant

## DISABILITY ADVISORY MEMBER

Ms Paula Hodson

## TRAINING PROVIDER

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# A G E N D A

- | <u>Item No.</u> | <u>Subject/Author(s)</u>  |                   |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| 1.              | <b>Welcome and Introduction</b>   |                   |
| 2.              | <b>Richard Jarman</b><br>In remembrance of Richard Jarman, long time Trade Representative for the South Sefton Hackney Carriage Association.  |                   |
| 3.              | <b>Apologies for Absence</b>  |                   |
| 4.              | <b>Minutes</b><br><br>Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 January 2021.   | (Pages 9 -<br>16) |
| 5.              | <b>Declarations of Interest</b><br>Councillors and Officers are requested to give notice of any personal or prejudicial interest and the nature of that interest, relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the relevant Code of Conduct. |                   |
| 6.              | <b>Processing Licence Applications</b><br>To consider 2 items submitted.  |                   |

6(a) Licence Delays

**Item submitted by Scott Day - South Sefton Hackney Carriage Association**

“Whilst acknowledging the impact the recent process changes to the renewal of licences (badges) has made, we would like to understand the reasons behind the increasing delays in issuing vehicle licences (plates) and what the plan of action is to resolve this. Rather than highlight problems, we would be happy to work with the team on this and are happy to present some permanent or temporary solutions that may assist”.

6(b) Berry Street Garage Offer

**Item submitted by Joseph Johnson - Berry Street Garage Association**

Summary of item: Berry Street Garage (BSG) have made a formal offer of assistance to the Council and the trade to help deal with any current licensing issues. BSG can help the Council and will work in partnership to ensure legislation and conditions are followed. Delays to new licence applications and renewals have caused harm and impacted financially on businesses and individuals due to lost income. BSG are offering a ‘one stop’ for drivers and vehicles so that they may apply to have their vehicle tested, documents checked, pay a fee and issue a plate and licence on the vehicle. BSG can install a card machine with payments going direct to the Council. This would all be done free of charge.

7. **Liverpool City Region Grants**

**Item submitted by Trevor Jones – North West Taxi Association**

“Can you please supply the following information for the next meeting:

The amount of money that was given to the Hackney and private hire drivers in the form of a grant (as in payment one and payment two) and how much they received in total and how many drivers were not eligible because they did not live in the LCR region”

8. **HMRC Tax Checks**

(Pages 17 - 18)

**Item submitted by Mark Toohey, Principal Officer, Sefton Council**

HMRC tax conditionality checks. From 1 April, new rules come into force requiring a tax check in order to renew a taxi/private hire licence or to apply for the same type of licence with a different licensing authority.

Further information can be found at:  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complete-a-tax-check-for-a-taxi-private-hire-or-scrap-metal-licence>

Factsheet attached.

9. **Date of next meeting**

To note that the next meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee Spokespersons with Representatives from the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trades will be held at **10.30 am on Tuesday 24 January 2023**.

Venue to be confirmed.

10. **Any Other Business**

In accordance with Minute No. 37(iii) of the meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee of 24 February 2003, other business may only be considered if agreed by the Chair and a majority of both sections of the trade and it is of an urgent nature, i.e. it requires consideration prior to the next scheduled annual meeting of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee Spokespersons with Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Stakeholders.