

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

DATE: Tuesday 27th January, 2009

TIME: 10.00 am

VENUE: The Birkdale Room, Southport Town Hall

**Licensing and Regulatory Committee  
Spokespersons:**

Councillor Griffiths (Chair)

Councillor Hands (Spokesperson)  
Councillor Mahon (Spokesperson)

**Substitute**

Councillor Cuthbertson (Vice Chair)

Councillor Dodd  
Councillor Friel

**Hackney Carriage Trade Representatives:**

Mr. J. Bridson - North West Taxi Association  
(NWTa)  
Mr. T. Crabtree - North Sefton Hackney Carriage  
Association (NSHCA)

Mr. R. Jarman - South Sefton Hackney Carriage  
Association (SSHCA)

Mr. T. McIntyre – Unite the Union

Mr. J. Murrison – Southport Station Hackney  
Carriage Association (SSTA)

Mr. M. Gregson or Mr. D. Dale

Mr. E. Davies

**Private Hire Trade Representatives:**

Mr. C. Carr - Blueline Taxis

Mr. L. Evason - Sefton Licensed Operators and  
Proprietors Association (SLOPA)

Mr. J. Johnson – Tyre Express NW Limited (Fleet  
Owners)

Mr. P. McLaughlin - Delta Merseyside Limited

Mr. M. Sanders – Sefton Private Hire Fleet  
Operators (SPHFOA)

Mr. K. Evason or Mr. T. Evason

**Non-Trade Representatives:**

Miss P. Hodson  
Chief Inspector L. O'Donnell  
Police Constable Sandall

**Organisation**

Sefton Equalities Network  
Merseyside Police, Crosby Police Station  
Merseyside Police No. 3 Traffic Group

**Sefton Council Officers:**

Mr. S. Johnston  
Mr. A. Naisbitt  
Mr. J. Thompson

Traffic Services Unit  
Trading Standards Manager  
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# A G E N D A

**Item**  
**No.**

**Subject/Author(s)**

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 January 2008.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Members 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.

Agenda items 4 and 5 to be considered together as related items.

4. **Chair of Stakeholder Meetings**

To consider the suggestion by Mr. Murrison (SSTA) that it is inappropriate for Mr. Naisbitt to continue as Chair on the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade Stakeholder Working Groups, because of a conflicting interest between his role as Chair and his role as Trading Standards Manager.

5. **Cancelled Meetings / Agenda Items not included on Agendas**

A request from both Mr. Crabtree (NSHCA) and Mr. Murrison (SSTA) both for discussion about cancelled meetings and items put forwarded by Stakeholders for inclusion on Agendas, being deemed inappropriate by Mr. Naisbitt and left off Agendas.

6. **Tariff 2 Fare Structure Changes**

(Pages 7 - 8)

Mr. Crabtree (NSHCA), Mr. Bridson (NWTA) and Mr. Murrison (SSTA) requested that the Committee consider the proposal of a restructure in the hackney carriage / private hire fare, involving an increase by 1 hour at Tariff 2 between 05.00 and 06.00 hours.

A letter from Mr Bridson is attached in support of this proposal.

7. **National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) / Vocationally Related Qualification (VRQ) - 'Funding and Grandfather Rights'**

Item requested by Mr. Crabtree (NSHCA) and Mr. Murrison (SSTA) in respect of

(a) individual funding for for NVQ's /VRQ's – a number of drivers are not entitled to receive 'Train to Gain' funding;

(b) 'Grandfather Rights' – request that drivers who have worked continuously in the hackney carriage / private hire trade for a given number of years (e.g. 10 or more) be exempt from the requirement to undertake NVQ / VRQ training.

8. **Airport Transport Companies**

(Pages 9 - 12)

Mr. Crabtree (NSHCA) requested this item because of concern that Airport Transport Companies do not display private hire plates on their vehicles and are not required to undertake Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks.

Refer to attached Annex – Extract from Private Hire Taxi Monthly (January 2009).

9. **Second Southport Testing Station**

Request by Mr. Crabtree (NSHCA), for an additional hackney carriage and private hire vehicle testing station in the Southport area.

10. **Revisions to Driver Handbook**

Mr. Crabtree (NSHCA), requested that the Committee give consideration to the monitoring and review of the Driver Handbook, the frequency with which review of the document should take place and expressing concern about revisions suggested by the NSHCA,

which have not yet been implemented.

11. **Complaints and Enquiries to the Enforcement Team**

Requested by Mr. Crabtree (NHSCA), for clarification on the procedure and turnaround period on questions and complaints to the Enforcement Team.