

MEETING: HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE JOINT WORKING GROUP

DATE: Tuesday 2nd June, 2015

TIME: 10.00 am

VENUE: Bootle Town Hall

Members & Associations

South Sefton Hackney Carriage Drivers Association

Richard Jarman

Ian Stanton

North West Taxi Association

(Vacant)

North Sefton Night Drivers Association

(Vacant)

Southport Station Hackney Carriage Association

John Murrison

Barry Howard

Berry Street Garage

Joe Johnson

Brookfield Garage

Mike Denning

Delta Merseyside Ltd

Paul McLaughlin

Gary Beesley

Sefton Private Hire Fleet Operators Association

Mark Sanders

Ability Network

(Vacant)

Officers

Mark Toohey (Chair), Principal Trading Standards Officer

Mike Foulkes, Senior Taxi Licensing Officer

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A G E N D A

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| 1. | Apologies for Absence | |
| 2. | Minutes | (Pages 7 - 12) |
| | Minutes of the meeting held on * | |
| 3. | Matters Arising from the Minutes | |
| 4. | Annual Statistics | (Pages 13 - 18) |
| | Licence applications & appeals, vehicle checks, prosecutions, OSS. Feedback from Aintree weekend. | |
| 5. | VRQ | |
| | Reminder that all drivers need the VRQ by 31 st December 2015 | |
| 6. | New Handbook | |
| | This went live on 1 st April 2015 and the latest version can be found on the Council website at www.sefton.gov.uk/taxi - we have previously discussed distributing paper copies of version 3. | |
| 7. | Taximeters | |
| | Taximeters – item raised by Richard Jarman:
To discuss the SI B2006 No. 2304 The Measuring Instruments (Taximeters) Regulations 2006 | |
| | This requirement does not <i>require</i> a meter to be as commonly used or prohibit one from being GPS derived | |
| | For example: | |
| | https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/cab-meter/id594380891?mt=8 | |
| | This even has a CE marking! Can SMBC use this device | |

8. **Ultra Low Emission Vehicles**

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Item raised by Richard Jarman. See attached

9. **DBS Checks**

Item raised by Richard Jarman.

DBS annual checks

An explanation of these needs adding to the information portion of the handbook to be printed.

The employment details on the form are "Child & adult workforce – taxi driver; this is wide enough for most other positions; e.g. crewing a boat where there are young people, coaching a team & so on?"

10. **Local Transport Plan**

Item raised by Richard Jarman.

SMBC have been in discussion with Merseytravel.

Report on discussions; please do NOT to agree anything without referral planning, report to the trade please on discussions with Merseytravel.

Confirm that NO commitment is to be given without full consultation; especially not going forward to any new regional plan.

The trade has been let down by the current arrangement

11. **Data Protection**

Item raised by Richard Jarman.

CCTV is now a common insurance requirement.

Vehicle owners and data controllers should be

reminded of the code of practice.

ICO code can be found here:

<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1542/cctv-code-of-practice.pdf>

Extract from the code on disclosure:

“Disclosure of information from surveillance systems must be controlled and consistent with the purpose(s) for which the system was established. For example, it can be appropriate to disclose surveillance information to a law enforcement agency when the purpose of the system is to prevent and detect crime, but it would not be appropriate to place them on the internet in most situations.

It may also not be appropriate to disclose information about identifiable individuals to the media. Placing such information on the internet incorrectly, or without full consideration of what is being done, may cause the disclosure of individuals’ personal data and sensitive personal data. In severe cases, this may lead to the ICO taking enforcement action. In 2011 the ICO took action in a case related to streamed CCTV footage that ended up on the YouTube website. Information can be released to the media for identification purposes; this should not generally be done by anyone other than a law enforcement agency. This will help you to demonstrate compliance with Guiding Principle 7 of the POFA code.”

12. **Legal Expense Schemes**

Item raised by Richard Jarman.

Insurance against legal problems in the trade - the PHTM scheme is comprehensive.

It is not satisfactory that there is no scheme publicised locally

13. **Signs in Vehicles**

Item raised by Richard Jarman.

The Fraud Act notice seems often not to have penetrated public consciousness.

The no eating notice is increasingly ignored.

Could these be reprinted using a high visibility lettering?

Higher visibility may lead to a slightly smaller size of notice?

14. **Dual Plated Vehicles**

Chair to discuss recent issues.

15. **Fraud on Private Hire Accounts**

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Item raised by Richard Jarman.

UBER – see attached.

16. **Date of next meeting ***

1st September, Southport Town Hall

17. **Any Other Business**