

**Taxi Liaison Group (TLG) meeting minutes**  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 10-30hrs**

**Jubilee Centre (The Oak Hall), Bradley Stoke**

**Chair:** Councillor Shirley Potts (SP)

**Councillors:** Councillor Howard Gawler (HG), Councillor Keith Cranney (KC)

**SGC Licensing:** Kevin Barley (KB)

**Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Service:** Paul Venn (PV), Patryk Owczarzy (PO), Dave Blake (DB), Janet Platten (JP), Andrew Whitlock (AW)

**Apologies:** Mark Pullin (MP), Juan Sanzo (JS), Sharon Shaw (SS), William Sanzo (WS)

| Item |                                      |   | Action    |
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| 1    | Welcome                              | (SP) welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:30hrs   |           |
| 2    | Previous minutes and matters arising | <p>Matters arising from previous minutes and subsequent actions were discussed. All agreed minutes and were signed off as a true and accurate reflection.</p> <p>(SS) e-mailed (KB) details of company used for providing vehicle CCTV systems.</p> <p>(KB) stated yet to meet and discuss recent issues with the Broad Lane Garage Management team. (AW) stated that his vehicle tested in July 2014 and was not sure why a PHV needed to be given a road test and suspected it was used to run an errand. (KB) to arrange meeting as purpose of Council fitness test is to ensure adherence to (policy) vehicle licence conditions, in addition to the standard MOT.</p> <p>(JP) stated that she had a similar issue when presenting her PHV at the Garage.</p> | <b>KB</b> |
| 3    | Bus lanes and taxi ranks             | <p>(KB) stated there were no further updates from the SGC Transport Team. As previously all jobs raised by the TLG had been logged on the Work Schedule.</p> <p>(KC) stated he thought that the line painting for</p>   |           |

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|   |  | the box markings for the Junction of Filton Avenue/A4174 had been completed.   |  |
| 4 | Annual review of Hackney Carriage Table of Tariffs and Fares commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015 | <p><b>(KB)</b> stated the proposal was a no increase in fares based on the current methodology. The Regulatory Committee determined on 22<sup>nd</sup> January to hold a public consultation on no increase to the Table of Tariffs and Fares.</p> <p><b>(KB)</b> e-mailed the group on 5<sup>th</sup> February with details of the consultation documents.</p>  |  |
| 5 | Annual review of Licensing Fees & Charges commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2015                    | <p><b>(KB)</b> stated the proposal was a no increase in fees and charges re-iterating that the licensing service strives to ensure continued stability for fee paying service users. The Regulatory Committee determined on 22<sup>nd</sup> January to hold a public consultation on no increase to licensing fees &amp; charges.</p> <p><b>(KB)</b> e-mailed the group on 5<sup>th</sup> February with details of the consultation documents.</p>   |  |
| 6 | Review of existing methodology used to determine Hackney Carriage Table of Tariffs and Fares       | <p><b>(KB)</b> stated that this TLG working item was discussed at the Regulatory Committee meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January as part of the Taxi Policy review, with the proposal to include it as an appendix in its own right for the future.</p> <p>Licensing Officers had researched and concluded that the BANES Council and Cheltenham Borough Council methodologies should be considered as they are much more detailed, one primarily on living costs and the other primarily on vehicle running costs. Committee Members stated they though thought the Cheltenham BC methodology was more relevant in relation to vehicle costs and would be included as part of the policy public consultation.</p> <p><b>(PV)</b> agreed in principle that the future methodology has to apply to vehicle costs, particularly if considering making all Hackney Carriages wheelchair accessible where costs such as tyres can be much more expensive.</p> |  |
| 7 | Taxi Policy review (2015-20)   | <b>(KB)</b> stated that the draft Taxi Policy had been considered by the Regulatory Committee on 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2015.  |  |

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|    |                                   | The major talking point between the group was the proposal to for all Hackney Carriage's to be wheelchair accessible vehicles (WAV's) by 2020, and the requirement for all licensed drivers to undertake disability awareness training. <b>(KB)</b> stated that the next TLG meeting should allow members of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Service to see and discuss a summary of all the proposals for the draft Taxi Policy as part of the public consultation.   |           |
| 8  | Deregulation Bill update          | <b>(KB)</b> gave an update on the current status of the Bill with the 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading taking place on 3 <sup>rd</sup> February in the House of Lords. No further proposals have been made to change Clause 11, proposing to remove an annual licence and have standard 3 year licences, or Clause 12, proposing to enable PHV operators to subcontract a booking to another operator who is licensed in a different area.  |           |
| 9  | Electric cars                     | <b>(KB)</b> stated that <b>(WS)</b> had enquired with him about potentially licensing an electric car and if there were incentives to do this. <b>(KB)</b> stated that an electric car would have to meet the same vehicle application criteria and the licence fee would remain the same as fees cover policy, administrative and compliance work costs for the Licensing Service.<br><br><b>(KB)</b> has been in contact with colleagues from OLEV and SGC Transport Services to the infrastructure in place and is awaiting further discussion on national incentives and local rapid charging points respectively, this will be reported back to the TLG later this year. This will be included as part of the Taxi Policy review. |           |
| 10 | Taxi Licensing enforcement update | Intelligence led Section 50 inspections: <b>(KB)</b> confirmed that Licensing Officers continue to call vehicles in for S50 inspections from public intelligence and complaints, these are fully documented.   |           |
| 11 | AOB                               | <b>(DB)</b> stated that 'Rides for Mates' can be found on Facebook suggesting that unlicensed work is being carried out. <b>(KB)</b> to speak with BANES Council to whether this has been raised in the area and if action is required.  | <b>KB</b> |

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|  |  | (JP) raised concerns about Uber as intending to operate in Bristol. As from previous media coverage TfL determined that the business practice is legal and this is an App based private hire operator so legal requirements would need to be met as set out in legislation. |  |
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**Next Meeting:** 10:30hrs, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 @ Bradley Stoke Jubilee Centre (The Oak Hall), Savages Wood Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8HL