

## AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE 1ST DECEMBER 2025

### Minutes

Trade Liaison Meeting

Date: 1.12.2025

Time: 4pm

Venue: Council Chambers, Town Hall

Present		Apologies
Ben Thomson (BT) – Assistant Director - Chair Adam Bucior (AB)- Head of Public Protection Michael Bridge (MB) – Licensing Unit Manager Sham Raja (SR) – National Private Hire & Taxi Association Khalid Hussain (KH) – Bury Hackney Association Charles Oakes (CO) – The Hackney Driver Assoc. Ltd David Lawrie Director of the National Private Hire Taxi Association Councillor C Morris (CCM)- Cabinet Member		Habib Ur-Rehman - GMB Union PC Peter Eccleston (PE) – GMP Bury District Kirsty Wild - Magnum Whiteline
Item No.	Topic	Action
1.	Welcome and Apologies	
2.	Previous minutes and Actions All agreed	
3.	GMP Update (PE) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reports of theft, hate crime, and abuse against drivers were discussed. The importance of reporting incidents with detailed information (time, location, vehicle details) was emphasized.</li> <li>- Concerns raised about operator (e.g., Uber) suspension policies and lack of Council oversight.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The Council clarified it investigates all complaints objectively but cannot intervene in operator-specific policies.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Police and Council to provide bullet-point guidance on what information drivers should collect/report during incidents  Council to reshare taxi driver safety initiative information.
4.	Clean Air Plan (BT/MB)  Discussion RE: Hackney Support Fund & Vehicle Compliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MB provided updates on the Hackney Support Fund, including application processes, funding mechanisms, and the importance of timely applications due to limited funds. Funding is available for compliant wheelchair accessible</li> </ul>	Trade representatives to encourage members to apply early for funding

	<p>vehicles, with the process involving two-factor authentication and a funding award notice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funding for private purchases is retrospective; applicants must buy a compliant vehicle and then claim the grant. There is a delay in reimbursement, and the process cannot be changed.</li> <li>- The deadline for removing non-compliant vehicles from the fleet has been extended to January 2027.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion RE: Private Hire Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No current funding for private hire vehicles; only Hackney carriages are covered by the current grant. Efforts are ongoing to secure additional funding for private hire, but there are no guarantees.</li> </ul>	<p>Council/MB to communicate any updates on private hire funding as soon as</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Enforcement/Service Issues (MB)</p> <p>Discussion RE: DBS Verification update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Drivers must ensure their DBS certificates are current and registered on the update service. Issues with payment methods (e.g., expired cards) can cause drivers to fall off the update service, risking suspension.</li> <li>- The Council gives drivers 24 hours to respond with evidence before suspending a licence.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion of Licensing Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Come into effect on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026</li> <li>- Including Martin's Law</li> </ul> <p>Discussion of Face Coverings Guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contacted Public Health             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Face Coverings remain a personal Choice</li> <li>o Any change will be disseminated when given</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Discussion of Sunny Bank Service Station</p> <p>The contract for vehicle testing has been extended, with two stations available. Some concerns were raised about capacity and appointment availability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion of MOT stations             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Suggested that there are not enough MOT appointments</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Discussion of Non-Compliant PHV/HCVs</p>	<p>DL to put together DBS 'FAQs' and 'trouble shooting' to be shared with wider trade</p> <p>MB to send an email reminding drivers to update contact details and check DBS status.</p> <p>MB/CCM to look at availability for MOT - Trade representatives to collect data on appointment difficulties and share with the Council for review</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>Specific Subjects for Discussion (30 min)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A petition regarding Hackney carriage age limits, written-off vehicles, and regulation of numbers was submitted and is under Council review.</li> </ul>	<p>Council to review petition responses and determine next steps.</p>

7.	AOB (5 Min)	
8.	<b>Date and Time of next meeting (5 Min)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next meeting proposed for early March, avoiding Mondays and Thursdays if possible.</li></ul>	RL/MB to propose and confirm the next meeting date.