

## Minutes

### Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Liaison Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Attending: Chairman- Councillor Jones  
Head of Trading Standards & Licensing – Angela Lomax  
Licensing Unit Manager - Michael Bridge  
Deputy Licensing Officer - Laura Jones  
Magnum Royal – Ean Franks & Sohail Raja  
Uber – James Kelly  
Local Cars – Kamran Khan  
Elton Bullitt – Raja Mohammed Fiaz Khan  
Legend Executive – Umran Mirza  
Hackney Carriage Driver Association – Charles Oakes  
Head of Legal Services - Janet Witkowski  
Environmental Health – Chris Horth & Lorraine Chamberlin  
TFGM – Matthew Roberts

Apologies: Darren Smith – Workshop Manager Bradley Fold  
Chris Hargreaves – Prestige Chauffeurs  
Caroline Young - GoPort

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01	Councillor Jones opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance. Attendees introduced themselves. Apologies were given.	
02	Clean Air Plan – Lorraine and Chris gave a presentation on the Clean Air Plan. See attached to the minutes. Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham is pushing buy in across all of the 10 Greater Manchester Authorities. Trade representatives were asked for their feedback. There were concerns that drivers will struggle financially to replace vehicles but there was support for the clean air zone. Trade representatives were encouraged to tell their drivers about the plan and to pass on any feedback.	Trade
03	Common Minimum Standards – Work continues, once finalised they will go out for consultation. Details will come out across Greater Manchester in the summer. Evaluation of comments will then be made and will go to Licensing and Safety Panel and Full Council for approval.	
04	NAFN – National anti-fraud network have created a national database that all Greater Manchester authorities have signed up to. Anyone who has had an application refused or licence revoked will have their details recorded	

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	on the database and other authorities will check the database for applications made to them. Letters to follow in due course with more information about this.	
05	Road closures in Bury Town Centre - information was sent out with the agenda please circulate to drivers. Parts of Bury Town Centre will be down to one way to allow for re surfacing works throughout March.	Trade
06	Compliance / Enforcement - Drivers, operators and vehicle proprietors will be issued with warning letters for any misdemeanors as appropriate. If the warning letter is not complied with further action may be taken. This covers such things as missing signage, not wearing your badge etc. Preparation of vehicles before being presented at Bradley Fold was discussed and the number of times that a vehicle is being presented for retest with faults that have not been repaired. Bradley Fold issues around consistency and strictness of tests was discussed. Angela is to spend a day at Bradley Fold in line with the proposed Service Level Agreement. Attached to the minutes will be a sheet detailing where specific complaints are to go to depending on the subject of the complaint.	
07	Safeguarding - All existing drivers and any new drivers will be expected to complete Safeguarding training within 12 months of a date to be announced. Letters with more information about this to follow.	
08	Medicals - medicals may now be sought from drivers own GP or from a company called driversmedical.com following agreement from Panel.	
09	Downward trend of night time economy (proposed by Mr Oakes but not present at this point). - Purple flag renewal submission has been submitted, will be externally assessed and a decision made whether we get to keep the accreditation. Bury is the only authority in Greater Manchester to achieve this.	
10	Knowledge tests (proposed by Mr Goldschmidt but not present). - Issue of whether knowledge tests are still needed was raised. Not every vehicle has a Sat Nav and these can break. All drivers are needed to have an understanding of local routes.	
11	Any other business - Issue of signage was raised with new ideas for plate numbers on the dashboard, signage issued by the council not the operator so the council know where drivers are working. This could be a possibility in the future.	
12	The meeting was brought to a close, everyone thanked for their attendance and informed minutes will be sent out. Next meeting will be arranged in due course.	