

CANNOCK CHASE DISTRICT COUNCIL

HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE LIAISON GROUP

Notes of the Meeting held at 11.00am on Wednesday 24 July 2019
Esperance Room, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock, Staffordshire, WS11 1BG

Members of the Liaison Group (Councillors)

Cllr Carl Bennett, Portfolio Leader for Crime & Community Partnerships (Group Chair)*

Members of the Liaison Group (officer)

David Prosser-Davies: CCDC*

Sean O'Meara : CCDC*

Scot Kearney : CCDC**

Representative of the Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Trade

Terrance Hurley*

Steven Toy*

Kendal Tranter**

Victor Simonczyk*

Patricia Taylor**

Invited Guest

Dean Burgin*: Technical Director, 6th Sense Technologies Limited

(*) Present (**) Apology (***) Not Present / No Apology

Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Bennett welcomed everybody to the meeting and apologies were accepted.

Minutes of the last meeting

The notes of the previous meeting were confirmed as an accurate record.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

CCTV

Dean Burgin gave a presentation on CCTV in licensed vehicles. The presentation included the pros and cons of fitting CCTV into licensed vehicles as well as legal requirements, approximate costs and The Information Commissioners requirements.

Some discussion then took place on the practicalities of fitting the CCTV system as well as costs, signage, audio recording, installing an on/off switch and who will be the data controller.

Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver, Vehicle & Operator Licensing Policy.

Mr O'Meara informed the group that the Council is to update its Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver, Vehicle & Operator Licensing Policy. This will entail both a general update of the policy and the potential for bringing up to date more complex areas at a later date. Work will start later in the year.

National Anti-Fraud Network (NAFN) Operating and the Deregulation Act

Mr O'Meara said that the Council's Licensing Unit would shortly sign up to the NAFN NR3 database which will hold a list of all those drivers who have had their hackney carriage and /or private hire drivers licences revoked or refused.

The group agreed it was necessary and Mr Toy said that listing those who may have been revoked or refused as long ago as 25 years was appropriate.

2020/2021 Licence fees

Mr Prosser-Davies advised the group that the Council was looking at driver and vehicle licence fees for 2020/2021. He said that at this stage however, we are unable to determine whether or not they might change. More information will be available later in the year.

AOB

In closing the meeting, Cllr Bennett said that he thought the Council's HCPHLG had come quite a long way since its inception in August 2014. He said the meetings afforded the Trade with the opportunity to access councillors and influence council policy. It also provided an opportunity to enhance the trades standing within the community.

Date of next Meeting

The next meeting to be confirmed.