

APPENDIX A

TAXI FORUM AND TAXI ISSUES MEETING MINUTES

Notes of a Meeting of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Forum held on
Monday 19th January 2009

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<p>6. In Cab promotions – carpets for Hackney Carriages</p>	<p>KG introduced John Pace and Paul Gelb from In-Cab Promotions who gave a presentation on carpet advertising in Hackney Carriages. Drivers will get a free mat fitted by an appointed local agent. This will benefit the drivers financially as they will be paid from the advertising revenue and also they will be having a new carpet in the vehicle on a regular basis.</p> <p>It was suggested that a list would be held in the taxi enforcement office for any drivers who are interested.</p>	
<p>7. Any other business and formal record of time.</p>	<p><u>Fitzwilliam Street</u></p> <p>KG confirmed that Fitzwilliam Street is due to be up and running in March 2009. A numbered code will be input into a panel and a bollard will allow access. KG thanked WF for his help in moving this scheme forward.</p> <p><u>Broadway</u></p> <p>WF stated that some taxi drivers are taking advantage of the parking in Broadway and asked the trade to be reminded of this.</p> <p>KG stressed that this is only a temporary arrangement until Fitzwilliam Street is complete.</p> <p><u>Limiting hackney carriages</u></p> <p>AM asked about limiting vehicles.</p> <p>KG advised that a survey would need to be undertaken which would cost in the region of £30,000.00 and this cost would have to be met by the trade. Also the plates have found their natural level and no new vehicles have been put on.</p>	
<p>8. Date of next meeting.</p>	<p>The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 28th April 2009 at 2pm in the Forli Room.</p>	

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Tuesday 21st October 2008**

Present: Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald (WF), PC Naseer Qureshi (NQ), Amran Masood (AM), Mohammed Idris (MI), Mohammed Shoyib (MS), Julia Potkins (JP), Roy McMaster (RM), Alastair Hayden (AH)

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1. Apologise for absence.	Adrian Day, Sarah Ellis.	
2. Minutes of meeting held 9 th July 2008.	PG chaired the meeting and it was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting were an accurate record.	
3. Julia Potkins – School Crossing Patrol Officer.	<p>JP reported an increase in the number of drivers who fail to stop at crossings. JP distributed safety packs and leaflets to the drivers present and demonstrated the crossing procedure. JP advised that £1000.00 fine and 3 penalty points can be issued for a breach.</p> <p>Leaflets to be sent out to all operators with the minutes.</p>	AG
4. Update CCTV in hackney carriage/private hire.	<p>IR explained that we are still working with Xtron with regards to CCTV. One private hire vehicle has been fitted with a demo unit, the current cost being £499 for private hire and £699 for hackney carriage. The trade will speak to other drivers regarding mandatory fitting.</p> <p>MS questioned if the council would consider instalments to pay for CCTV. PG advised that the council would look at funding options.</p> <p>KG advised that LTI were asked years ago to have CCTV fitted as standard to PCO approved vehicles. RM stated that Mercedes would consider looking at this feature as being installed at point of production.</p> <p>WF asked about the cost of the system and installation, the motion sensor and queried why the cost of the system had increased. KG stated that representatives from Xtron will be invited to attend the next forum to answer any queries.</p> <p>PG personally thanked AM for his attendance at recent meetings.</p>	
5. Update training.	<p>KG stated that ABA training had visited all companies but had a negative response. No cost involved for the drivers just their time and commitment. KG confirmed that consideration is being given to all new drivers being required as a condition of licence to attend the training as from 2009 and current drivers needing to attend the course within a 2 year period.</p> <p>AM commented that the older drivers may feel that they do not need</p>	

	<p>the training.</p> <p>WF stated that customers do not know how long a driver has been in the trade, however if the training was publicised people would feel more confident. Positive action is required from the drivers.</p> <p>KG explained the training is for three hours 1 day a week over an 11 week period. Assessors go out with the drivers and no one actually fails, though drivers may be knocked back. KG will await feedback from drivers at the next forum and then a report will be prepared for committee.</p>	
6. Poplar Avenue – misuse by taxi drivers.	<p>KG confirmed that he has had reports of vehicles reversing up the one way system in Poplar Avenue.</p> <p>AM acknowledged that he is aware that drivers do this but it is not just taxi drivers.</p>	
7. Parking services – Broadway, Fitzwilliam Street.	<p>PG confirmed that this project is still going ahead, the funding is there and has gone out to tender but still no date set for completion.</p> <p>KG advised that Peter Tebb (traffic manager) will be invited to the next forum meeting.</p> <p>KG reminded drivers that they must not park in the loading bays in Broadway.</p>	
8. Vehicle testing – the way forward.	<p>JG asked the trade for their views on vehicle testing and to get feedback from other drivers on how they wish testing to proceed i.e.; extended hours.</p> <p>PG confirmed this is an opportunity for the drivers to have an input and suggested that information is collated and a meeting is held to discuss the possibilities.</p>	
9. Mercedes-Benz London approved hackney carriage.	<p>RM gave a presentation on the Mercedes-Benz which is now a PCO approved vehicle. RM explained that this vehicle has the following :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides space for the passengers and drivers • high standard of safety features • refinement • lower running costs <p>The vehicle costs £35K which is less than the gold model TX4. Conders have expressed an interest in the vehicle franchise and any part exchange should not be a problem.</p> <p>AM was asked if there had been any problems with the vehicle and RM confirmed that the step has been raised as there was a slight issue with it hitting speed bumps.</p>	

	PG stated it was good for the city to have some competition.	
10. Any other business and formal record of time.	<p><u>Door stickers</u></p> <p>IR confirmed that he had been advised by legal to increase the consultation with the trade. However happy that the report is a public safety issue and will be put before the committee.</p> <p><u>Asda rank</u></p> <p>It was questioned whether there could be a rank for hackneys at Asda. KG confirmed that this is not possible as it is private property.</p> <p><u>Enforcement</u></p> <p>AM stated that more enforcement is required for the city centre as private hire drivers are flagging. IR confirmed that it is not just city centre problems but are also dealing with unlicensed drivers and school transport work.</p>	
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Taxi Issue Meeting

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Location: Bridge Street Conference Room

Present:

Mr. David Copeland (Peterborough Mediation)
Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald
Mr. Ken Gray (PCC)
Mr. Peter Gell (PCC)
Mr. Ian Robinson (PCC)
Councillor Fazal Mahmmod
Mr. Amran Masood (City Cabs - Peterborough Taxi Forum)
Mr. Nigel Clipston (A-2-B Euro Cars Limited)
Mr. Mohammed Younis (Royal Taxis)
Mr. M.J. Ladha (PREC)
Chief Superintendent Paul Phillipson (Chair)
Insp Mike Sampson
Mrs. Debbie Sampson (Community Safety)

Apologies: Mr. M. Sarfraz
Mr. G. Shabbir
Mr. J. Khan
Insp D. Middleton
Constable N. Qureshi
Constable G. Irvine

Guests: Mr. David Prior (ABA Training Ltd)
Constable Craig Rothwell (OSTU)

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
1	Introductions Chief Superintendent Phillipson thanked everyone for taking the time to attend and received apologies as listed above. Mr. David Prior (ABA Training Limited) and Constable Craig Rothwell (OSTU) were welcomed to the meeting.	
2.	Update Actions from Previous Meeting 05/09/2008	
2.i	Open Out Scheme Chief Superintendent Phillipson confirmed that the 'Open Out Scheme' had been placed on the Community Cohesion Board's agenda and is being progressed to ensure everyone is aware of this reporting facility. A meeting is to be arranged to discuss future marketing.	Closed
2.ii	Carrying of Weapons in vehicles	



<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
3	<p>It was confirmed that a meeting is still to be held between Chief Superintendent Paul Phillipson and Mr. Ken Gray in relation to marketing. – Carry forward</p> <p>Incidents reported to Police period 01/09/2008 – 31/09/2008</p> <p>Chief Superintendent Phillipson updated the meeting in respect of incidents reported to the police in relation to taxi driver offences. He advised that he continued to have a 'hands on' approach to these offences and assured those attending that incidents were being dealt with robustly. Chief Superintendent Phillipson reiterated the need to report incidents to the police. No further incidents were brought to the attention of the meeting.</p> <p>The matter relating to theft of items left in vehicles will be taken to the Taxi Forum meeting by Mr. Ken Gray, on 21st October 2008.</p>	<p>Paul Phillipson Ken Gray</p>
4.	<p>Training</p>	
4.i	<p>Package</p> <p>Mr. David Prior – ABA Training gave a summary of the training module that his company can provide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoted as a business package • 3 hours per week (33 hours over an 11 week period) • Accredited national qualification NVQ / BTEC • Training is free and guaranteed until 2011 <p>Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the training would be a benefit to all drivers and required further research to establish the best way for implementation: (a) compulsory requirement of the license (b) individual placement on the course. It was agreed that it should be everyone or not at all.</p> <p>Constable Rothwell advised that he was exploring the route of self defence for drivers which would complement the ABA training.</p> <p>Cllr. Fitzgerald advised that there could be some incentive such as a 25% reduction in the cost of the license.</p> <p>Action: Approach LSC to examine earning whilst doing the course via 'train to gain' funding.</p> <p>Action: Explore the 63 Councils that have made this a compulsory license requirement and how the process was rolled out.</p> <p>Action: Obtain costings for this training in the future for when funding is not available.</p> <p>Action: To be discussed at the Taxi Forum on the 21st October 2008</p>	<p>Paul Phillipson Ken Gray Peter Gell Ken Gray Amran Masood</p>
4.ii	<p>Nominations of Attendees to training Sessions/ Force Control Room</p>	



<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
	A joint letter from PCC and the Constabulary has been sent to Taxi Firms asking them to put forward their nominations; these are being collated by Ken Gray	
5.	CCTV	
5.i	Xtron Mr. Gray confirmed that dialogue continues with Xtron and developments had been made in relation to movement sensors. Ashley Waldron advised that Xtron have met with the taxi drivers in Peterborough and are in the process of updating their systems to rectify the issue with the audio feed. They are currently working on an updated version of the PC client software, which they hope to complete by early next week, at this point they will look at progressing the training. <i>(email update to Sergeant Susie Tinsley dated 03/10/2008)</i> It was agreed that Xtron should give a further presentation to the next meeting. Action: Xtron to be invited to present at the next meeting.	 Ken Gray
5.ii	Funding Chief Superintendent Paul Phillipson advised that he had spoken to the Home Office regarding funding and bidding documents have been requested. There is still a need to look at other funding opportunities. Action: Additional funding to be sought by PCC. - ongoing Action: The Home Office to be approached for funding. – ongoing	 Peter Gell Paul Phillipson
6.	Any Other Business No issues were raised.	
7.	Date of the next meeting – Thursday 6 th November 2008 Bridge Street Conference Room – commencing 1800 hours	
8.	Dates of future meetings: (All on a Tuesday commencing 1800 hours in the Conference Room, Bridge Street Police Station) 6 th November 2008 9 th December 2008 6 th January 2009 3 rd February 2009 3 rd March 2009 7 th April 2009 5 th May 2009 9 th June 2009	



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<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
1	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Superintendent Ridgway thanked everyone for taking the time to attend and received apologies as listed above. Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Waldron from Xtron UK were welcomed to the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes and Action Updates from Previous Meeting 05/10/2008</p> <p>The previous minutes were read and were adopted as a true and accurate account of the meeting held on the 5th October 2008.</p>	
2.ii	<p>Carrying of Weapons in vehicles</p> <p>It was confirmed that the meeting to be held between Chief Superintendent Paul Phillipson and Mr. Ken Gray in relation to marketing has taken place and is being progressed outside of this meeting.</p>	Closed
3	<p>Incidents reported to Police period 01/10/2008 – 31/10/2008</p> <p>Superintendent Ridgway updated the meeting in respect of incidents reported to the police in relation to taxi driver offences. He advised that he would continue the work of Chief Superintendent Paul Phillipson and have a 'hands on' approach to these offences and assured those attending the meeting that incidents were being dealt with robustly.</p>	

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	<p>Inspector Mike Sampson advised that a meeting is to be held with himself and Mr. Graham Dalley, Solicitor in an effort to establish a decision on how bilking is to be policed and prosecuted.</p>	
4.	Training	
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	<p>A lengthy discussion took place around this subject and it was confirmed that the response from the Taxi Forum was positive and the drivers and firms could see the benefits in receiving this training.</p>	
	<p>Concern was being expressed around the funding and sustainability of the funding together with when and how the training would be implemented, which could result in a lose of earnings for drivers.</p>	
	<p>The initiative that all new drivers must have the training to obtain their badge with current drivers being able to achieve this over a three year period is the supported option.</p>	
	<p>This initiative is to be progressed further through the Taxi Forum.</p>	
	<p>Action: Approach LSC to examine earning whilst doing the course via 'train to gain' funding.</p>	<p>Paul Phillipson Update req'ed</p>
	<p>Action: Contact with Chief Superintendent Phillipson for update</p>	<p>Gary Ridgway</p>
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5.	CCTV	
5.i	Xtron	

<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
	<p>Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Waldron attended the meeting to give an update as to the current status. They advised that the funding option via media screens had not proved viable and was not under consideration.</p> <p>They confirmed they had been having meeting with drivers in Peterborough who have not had the CCTV fitted and funding was highlighted as the main reason.</p> <p>Xtron was sure funding could be found as it had in other authorities but these options needed to be explored and contact should be made with other Councils who have had funding granted. The contact in Kent Constabulary is Inspector Anderson</p> <p>Mr. Ian Robinson advised that the Safer Community's funding had been rejected but the HO decision was still awaited.</p> <p>Xtron confirmed that the sustainability of the systems was guaranteed for two years and the life of the system is 5 years but can be upgraded.</p> <p>They reiterated that the cost of the systems per vehicle would be negotiable upon the number of instalments. The system is currently priced at Hackney Cab £699 and Saloon Car £499. The cost to install and uninstall is £115 + VAT.</p> <p>The meeting agreed that 'movement sensors' which could be activated when the vehicle's engine is off should be part of the licence and would be fitted at the same time as the system and the price included in the finance.</p> <p>The option of the Council leasing the systems to the drivers was not an agreed option by the Council and would not be considered.</p> <p>Consideration could be given including the cost of the system in the finance package when purchasing the vehicle. This needed to be scoped further.</p>	
5.ii	<p>Action: To be progressed and will be discussed at the Taxi Forum.</p> <p>Funding</p> <p>It was agreed that the funding required further investigation and Superintendent Ridgway is to contact Chief Superintendent Paul Phillipson to obtain an update on his efforts with the HO funding.</p>	GR
	<p>Action: Additional funding to be sought by PCC. - ongoing</p>	Peter Gell
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	<p>Action: Update required from Chief Superintendent Paul Phillipson in relation to funding</p>	Gary Ridgway
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p>	

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6.i	<p>Response by the Police</p> <p>Superintendent Gary Ridgway asked Mr. Mohammed Younis (Royal Taxis) whether he was confident that the response from the police had been appropriate.</p> <p>Mr. Mohammed Younis responded that in his opinion over the last two years the police have been much improved and that Royal Taxis had no issues. He advised that he felt other firms were of the same thought, and that the job being done was good.</p>	
6.ii	<p>Taxi Driver Security</p> <p>It was requested that the message be sent to drivers to keep themselves safe by taking these steps: Do not carry large amounts of money Request payment prior to the journey Do not carry/leave valuable items in Cabs</p>	
6.iii	<p>Tension Monitoring Group</p> <p>Consideration is to be given to inviting a taxi representative to the above meeting. This meeting is held fortnightly.</p> <p>Action:</p>	GR
6.iv	<p>Continuance of this Meeting</p> <p>Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that this meeting should be discontinued as all matters were fed into the Taxi Forum, which is held quarterly.</p>	
7.	<p>Date of the next meeting – No future meetings planned – Meeting discontinued.</p>	

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