

Minutes of the York Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Associations
11th April 2025

Attendees

Dave Cowley	Taxi Licensing Manager
Martin Bisby	Licencing Officer
Matt Boxall	Public Protection Manger
Damian Niazi	Independent Taxi Association
Darren Avey	Station Taxis
Danny Smith	York Taxi Association Group
Naz Erimhan	York Taxi Association
Suba Miah	York Taxi Association Group
Gary Graham	Independent Taxi Association
Arshad Mahmood	York City Taxis
Justin Wortley	Station Taxis
Wendy Loveday	York Private Hire Association
Apologies	
Neil Rowley	York Private Hire Association

		Action Log
	Introductions DC welcome to the meeting,	
1. 1.2	Minutes of last meeting Agreed as correct	MAB
2.0 2.1	Vehicle Testing - Annual Inspection and 5 Year vehicles DC introduced the meeting with pre covid policy testing was twice a year, with inspections through Fleet and a six-monthly further inspection by way of an annual MoT. These inspections have not taken place over several years, we have now collated data over the past 18 months and the inspections will now be reintroduced. Proprietors will save money as the inspections are being reorganised to run from January to December in any one calendar year the second inspection will be six months later. There will be some anomalies with vehicles going 14 months or so as the first roll out starts some will be longer and some shorter in terms of inspection dates. Fleet inspection dates will adjust to coincide with VOSA MoT dates with an approximate 6 months between.	

3. 3.1	Enforcement update RHH, Robbie Hughes-Holbrook will update information every quarter, from December to date 168 vehicles have been checked with 137 of those being out of town vehicles. 27 from Leeds, 43 from Bradford, 6 from Calderdale, 36 from Wolverhampton, 12 from Kirklees, 1 from Hatfield, 7 from North Yorks, 5 from Wakefield and 31 of our own (York) We have taken part in 8 combined operations involving the police, DVSA, DWP, Border Force and other local authorities. December saw BTP and ourselves acting together once a month. March saw a successful covert plying for hire operation targeted at know hot spots. In April there were 45 vehicle checks with 9 suspensions in cooperation with BTP. North Yorkshire council have been approached for the mutual delegation of authority. Race day meetings, Plying for Hire, wheelchair, assistance dogs will be subject to concentrated checks with test purchases. General discussion about the racecourse TRO and the different act this falls under. Parking offences should be dealt with by CEO's. General consensus of a job well done by enforcement, concerns that Out of Town checking was at no cost to the issuing local authority but there was a cost to CYC protecting the public and trade.	
4. 4.1	Taxi ranks (marking and locations) The associations had looked at the existing ranks in need of refurbishment, DC has a list of ranks There were calls for more signage to advertise the ranks existence. DC stated that maps were altered on line, the signage was under a different legislation, bigger signs had been ordered for St Leonards etc, problem with Museum street is that the rank is stepped back due to the bus route. Tower street, the car park may be revamped, feasibility study to move to Hilton Hotel with a shared loading bay of 2 vehicles with times to be decided. Stadium HCV rank to review with LC.	

	Cameras are still in the trial period with the possibility of a move to another junction.	
5.	Vehicle Plates and Livery	
5.1	A new process for the issuing of licence plates is being introduced as the price of the melamine engraved plates and the outdated process is proving expensive. Examples of the new livery and plates were shown to the attendees.	
6.	Receipts for Paper Work	
6.1	DC reiterated the need to make appointments to drop off important paperwork as incidents of just dropping off and not being received were on the increase. The post box may still be used but there is no guarantee of delivery.	
7.	Marshalls on weekends at ranks	
7.1	Marshalls on the ranks, DC distributed the taxi marshals work schedule. DC to look into Friday / Saturday nights at St Saviour gate dates, collective say no need for Friday night's, Saturdays would be better. There is a better reporting system that has been developed that follows marshals to supervisor to police. Vehicles on ranks can be emailed and utilise the marshals for assistance if no police.	
8.	Uber on Ranks.	
8.1	Suba Miah thanked DC for allowing the guest invitation, he raised the topic of Uber parking on the ranks, he then proceeded to read from a preprinted letter stating drivers were not adhering to the highway code, and claiming they were not aware of parking rules or the existence of the rank.	
9.	AOB (Additional Questions)	
9.1	A question in connection to tinted windows was raised, DC replied that best practice guide recommendations set the minimum tint to be 30% because of the variances of manufactures level of factory fitted tints.	
9.2	Neil Rowley (remote) had asked questions regarding the banning of out of town vehicles. A discussion referenced the Government awaited decisions on licensing and enforcement county wide.	

9.3	Damian raised the subject of luggage in vehicles with a full cab and passengers, looking in to how other councils charge for excess luggage in the cab and above a certain number in the boot.	
9.4	Question of the possibility of opening up routes for taxis, copper gate in particular and the grove. DC referred to Highways	
	Next meeting date: TBC	