

**TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE
LIAISON GROUP**

10.30 A.M.

19TH SEPTEMBER 2024

PRESENT:- Councillors Sally Maddocks (Chair), Martin Bottoms, Tim Hamilton-Cox,
John Hanson and Margaret Pattison

Officers in attendance:-

Jennifer Curtis	Licensing Manager
Sarah Moorghen	Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: (Trade Members)

Mark Booth
Alan Knowles
Robin Mitchell
Steven Towers

5 HACKNEY CARRIAGE ROOF-SIGNS

The Licensing Manager provided a briefing note and brought an example roof sign to the meeting for members of the Group to view.

The Group discussed the pros and cons of the standardised roof signs. The Group was advised that drivers had already paid for the signs through their Licensing fees and that there would be no mechanism for refunds. Any recalculation of the fees would be done through the budget process in February.

Action:

That the Licensing Committee be recommended to make the roof signs optional.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Group discussed wheelchair accessible Taxi's, particularly the difficulties faced by members of the public when pre-booking.

The Group agreed that the current system was unsatisfactory and considered the need for the Council to subsidise accessible taxis. The Group also discussed additional disability and awareness training for drivers.

Action:

Licensing Manager to contact the Chief Officer – Environment and Place and the Community Protection Team Leader for an update on DEFRA Grants.

(The meeting ended at 11.30 a.m.)

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