

# Taxi Trade Forum

Tuesday, 13th December, 2022, 6.00 pm

Cross Room, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland PR25 1DH

## Agenda

**1 Welcome**

**2 Note of the Last Forum**

Notes of the last meeting attached.

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### Topics submitted by the Trade

**3 Update on CCTV**

**4 Could the council bring in a yearly review of fares for Hackneys**

**5 Period of time it takes to get a private hire driving licence**

**6 The re-introduction of the 12 month licence plate - why is it taking so long and when can we expect it to be back in force**

**7 Any other business**

**8 Date of next meeting**

To be held on Tuesday, 21 March 2023 at 6.00pm in the Civic Centre, Leyland.

Gary Hall  
Chief Executive

Electronic agendas sent to Members of the Taxi Trade Forum Councillors Jacky Alty (Chair), Renee Blow (Vice-Chair), Jane Bell, Julie Buttery, Derek Forrest, Keith Martin, Jacqui Mort, Peter Mullineaux, Alan Ogilvie and John Rainsbury

The minutes of this meeting will be available on the internet at [www.southribble.gov.uk](http://www.southribble.gov.uk)

### Forthcoming Meetings

18:00 Tuesday, 21 March 2023 - Cross Room, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland PR25 1DH

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<b>Minutes of</b>	<b>Taxi Trade Forum</b>
<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Tuesday, 28 June 2022</b>
<b>Members present:</b>	Councillors Jacky Alty (Chair), Derek Forrest, Keith Martin and Jacqui Mort
<b>Officers:</b>	Chris Ward (Licensing Manager), Coral Astbury (Democratic and Member Services Officer), Justin Abbotts (Licensing Officer) and Stephanie Newby (Licensing Officer)

**Other members:**

**Public:** 0

**1 Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the forum.

**2 Note of the Last Forum**

The note of the last forum was circulated for information.

**3 Wheelchair Accessible Customers - Changes to Legislation**

The Licensing Manager gave an update on a new piece of legislation which imposes a new duty on all drivers that are not wheelchair accessible to carry passengers and their mobility aid with reasonable assistance.

This would require all drivers, Private Hire and Hackney, to accept passengers who have limited mobility and may be wheelchair users without charging any additional fee. Drivers will be required to provide as much mobility assistance as required.

**4 Hackney Carriage Vehicles**

The Licensing Manager explained that applications for the additional Hackney Carriage licence's had been received through May and Officers had now stopped taking applications as the limit had been reached. The individuals who applied in May had now been contacted to get vehicles licences.

Should any further licences become available, Officers would re-open the application process in November.

**5 Knowledge Test Changes**

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The Licensing Manager explained that the knowledge test would still need to be passed before a badge would be granted. The previous test had been revised in order to assist operators in recruiting new drivers.

The new format test was now implemented and contains the following elements:

- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Policy Test
- Highway Code
- Route Test – applicants can use a map to get from A-Z

## **6 Taxi Tariff Surcharge**

The Licensing Manager explained that a Taxi Tariff Surcharge had been proposed by the Trade. The Licensing Manager explained that there had recently been an increase in tariff but Drivers had been facing higher fuel costs, Officers would support an increase in taxi tariff but advised that a written proposal would need to be provided by the Trade.

The Licensing Manager asked the trade to meet collectively and provide a written proposal to Officers.

## **7 Any other business**

The Trade raised the following points:

- Dual Badges for Drivers – this was something that other authorities did, drivers paid an additional fee of around £20-30 and they could drive both vehicles with one badge. The Licensing Manager advised he would look into this further.
- Help for Drivers during COVID – The Licensing Manager advised Drivers to speak to the department that co-ordinated the grants from Central Government. Drivers were welcome to email Licensing Officers who would then forward the email on to the relevant team.

Chair

Date