

**RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL
REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE**

DECISION

Agenda Item No. 8

meeting date: TUESDAY, 16 MARCH 2010
title: ANNUAL TAXI MEETING
submitted by: LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To prepare for the Annual taxi meeting.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The last annual taxi meeting took place on Wednesday, 13 May 2009 at 7.00pm in the Ribble Valley Town Hall.

2.2 23 licence holders attended.

2.3 Prior to the meeting licence holders had been given an opportunity to place matters on the agenda for discussion. A letter will be sent to operators asking them for items for the Agenda for this year's meeting.

3 ISSUES

3.1 The purpose of the annual taxi meeting is to provide an opportunity for communication between the Council and those holding licences issued by the Council.

3.2 Whilst the meeting takes place annually, Members will be aware that licence holders also have the opportunity to attend before Licensing Committee to raise matters of concern, and/or to contact Officers and Members as appropriate.

3.3 The next meeting will take place in May 2010 or early June 2010. However this will be subject to room availability and also the availability of any invitees (see 3.5).

3.4 Members may wish to suggest items for the Agenda.

3.5 The Hackney drivers have now formed their own association. A meeting was held with six Members of the association, at the King Lane rank, to discuss their concerns, which largely arise from a shortage of rank spaces. It is therefore proposed to invite a member of the Lancashire County Council Highways Department to attend the meeting to discuss possible options and how to take these forward.

3.6 In previous occasions residents of Bowland Court, local residents from Woone Lane and a member of the local group campaigning for access for the visually impaired, have attended the meeting.

4 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

4.1 Note the proposed arrangements for the Annual taxi meeting.

4.2 Advise the Legal Services Manager of matters which Members wish to discuss at the meeting, and persons to be invited to assist the Committee.

LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER

For further information please ask for Diane Rice, extension 4418.

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