

Taxi Forum Meeting

30th September 2019 – 10am

Attending

Graham Wren – Senior Licensing Officer
Claire Humphreys – Licensing Officer
Barry Hussey
Steve Eckton
Imran Khan

Apologies

John Fairey

Graham Wren updated the meeting on Phase 1 of the Taxi Project He explained Phase 1 policy changes had been approved at the last Licensing & Regulations Committee Meeting following the consultation period. The proposed changes would now be presented before the full committee to be formally adopted.

Vehicle Age

Graham talked with the members regarding the proposed vehicle maximum end of life age. Different options were discussed by the members. Steve Eckton told the members that he felt the maximum age should not go beyond 9 years old from date of first registration. He said this would ensure a good quality fleet of vehicles.

Proposed Taxi Livery

Graham showed the group the proposed vehicle livery designs and colours that was to be put in the consultation. Imran shared his concerns for the taxi drivers living in Southampton, that have had problems previously with people breaking into their vehicles if there is anything on the outside that indicates the vehicle is a taxi.

New Forum Members

Graham informed the group that we would be sending out nominations for new taxi forum representatives. There are places for 2 Private Hire Driver representatives, one being non affiliated (not linked to Wintax or Wessex) and two Operator representative spaces. It was proposed that a position be given to both Wintax and Wessex as the main City Operators, we have already in place John Fairey who is a rural Operator. Nomination forms will be emailed and posted out in the near future.

CCTV

It will be proposed in the consultation that all vehicles will be required to have CCTV installed. It will be in line with the recommendations that are set out by the ICO.