Notes of the Meeting  
Taxi Liaison Group  
Wednesday 15th February 2017  
10am  
Council Chamber, Crescent Gardens

Attendance
Gareth Bentley  Food, Licensing and Occupational Safety Manager  
Graham Frostick  N Y Police  
Chris Doyle  Taxi Licensing Enforcement Officer  
Kevin O’Boyle  Central Taxis  
Steve Rogers  Parking Services – Harrogate Borough Council  
Dave Travis  Compliance Technical Officer, NYCC  
John Higgins  Spa and Westminster Insurance  
Anthony Pedley  Blueline  
Garry Sadler-Simpson  Mainline  
Nawazish Khan  Senior Admin Officer

1. INTRODUCTIONS
It was agreed that GB chair the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES
Cllr John Ennis.

3. RECORD OF LAST MEETING (14 Dec 2016)
GB advised that trade should refer to NYCC directly regarding the condition of the roads and out of sync traffic signals.
KOB advised that he has issues with statement made at the last meeting with regards to delegated powers that need discussing but not in today’s meeting.

4. Fare Increase
KOB suggested that there should be a suitable fare increase as the living costs have increased significantly and the council has been reluctant to support the fare increase in the past.
GB advised that he has carried out some research and according to his findings there should be an increase of 2.5% to the running mile.
JH suggested that according to his calculations there should be 5% increase.
GB asked JH to produce a report to back up his suggestion and he will be happy to look into it and will present it to the Cabinet Member. GB also requested evidence from JH in relation to increased insurance costs. The matter would be put to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Safer Communities.
5. **Tour De Yorkshire**

GB explained the Tour route to the group. He said that the authorities are hoping for minimum disruptions for trade. Ripon market rank shouldn’t be affected at all other than the rolling road closure as the race passes through the Eastern side of the Market Place. However in Harrogate, Parliament street rank will be closed from about 5am to early evening. On the race day roads around the stray will be busy too as there will be some public activities on the stray.

SR said that he will be attending some meetings regarding the tour and will relay the information back to the Hackney Office.

6. **Unmet Demand Survey**

GB advised that he will be presenting a report to the committee on 8th March 2017.

7. **York Rendezvous Points**

GSS informed the group that York council has allocated rendezvous points around the city for private hire vehicles. He asked if Harrogate Borough Council is looking to adopt such measures.

GB responded to the question and assured the group that HBC is not planning on setting up such points.

8. **Enforcement Matters**

GF advised the group that he has been carrying out random inspections of licenced vehicles around Bambinos and advised drivers not to park illegally on the road.

CD advised that he has been dealing with number of enforcement issues. A driver has been suspending for totting up more than 12 points on his diving licence. Another driver is currently waiting to go in front of the panel for various motoring offences. CD also told the group that a driver's licence has been revoked but he could not give any further information as the case is going to appeal.

The Taxi team has carried out spot checks of the licenced vehicles in the last few weeks and noticed that licenced vehicles are using the pedestrian zone (Oxford & Cambridge streets) many drives were issued with a warning. CD asked operators to advise their drivers to stay away from the pedestrian zone.

**Next Meeting - Wednesday** 12 April 2017 – 10.00am Crescent Gardens, Council Chamber.