

Agenda Item 38

Brighton & Hove City Council

Meeting: Licensing Committee

Date: 19th April 2007

Report of: Assistant Director, Public Safety

Subject: Terms of reference and constitution for the Brighton and Hove Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Consultation Forum

Ward Affected: All

1. Purpose of the report

That committee approve the terms of reference and constitution for the Brighton & Hove Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Consultation Forum which has been amended to give greater representation from ethnic groups working in the Brighton & Hove hackney carriage and private hire trade.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Committee approve the amended terms of reference and constitution for the Brighton & Hove Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Consultation Forum. (Appendix A)

3. Information/Background

- 3.1 The Brighton & Hove Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Consultation Forum has been operating for over 10 years following local government reorganisation. The Forum meets regularly (approximately every 6 weeks) to discuss proposals to change policy and procedures or practice in the licensing of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles and drivers in Brighton and Hove or which could benefit passengers.
- 3.2 It is recognised that ethnic drivers have been under represented on the forum and in order to increase representation of these drivers membership has been amended to allow representation from the Brighton Sudanese Taxi Forum. The Brighton Sudanese Taxi forum is not exclusively for Sudanese drivers and will represent any driver from other ethnic groups if requested.

- 3.3 The ethnic make up of taxi drivers provided from ethnic monitoring in 2005/06 is shown in Appendix B

4 **Consultation**

The matter has been discussed at the council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Consultation Forum and with the Partnership Community Safety Team.

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Financial Implications

Costs of holding the meetings will be met from within the Taxi licensing budget which is funded by the issuing and renewal for drivers licenses. The cost implications as a result of suggested changes to policy from these meetings will be included in future reports to committee.

Finance Officer consulted: Alasdair Ridley

Date: 05/04/07

Legal Implications

There are no direct legal implications arising out of the report's recommendation.

Lawyer Consulted: Liz Woodley

Date: 04/04/2007

Corporate/Citywide Implications Taxi drivers are often the first point of contact for visitors to Brighton and Hove and are in a position to make a positive contribution to visitor experience and providing information visitors need.	Risk Assessment None
Sustainability Implications None	Equalities Implications Greater representation reduces discrimination

Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder

None

Background papers

None

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Appendix A

Terms of reference and constitution for the Brighton and Hove Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Consultation Forum

1. Terms of reference and constitution for the Brighton and Hove Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Consultation Forum

- 1.1 The Consultation Forum shall be for the discussion of proposals to change policy and procedures or practice in the licensing of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles in Brighton and Hove or which could benefit taxi passengers.
- 1.2 That the Director of Environment will decide on which proposals and applications of general interest to the trade should go first to the Consultation Forum for consideration.
- 1.3 That meetings of the Consultation Forum shall take place on a regular basis (approximately every 6 weeks).

2. Membership.

That membership of the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Consultation Forum shall be limited to two representatives from each group in the Brighton and Hove Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Consultation Forum as follows:-

- The Transport General Workers Union – represents hackney carriage drivers and operators.
- GMB licensed Private Hire, i.e. Taxi Section – represents GMB members.
- Private Hire Association – represents private hire owners and drivers.
- National Provincial Taxi Trade Union (NPTTU) – Local union representing Hackney Carriage owners and drivers.
- Brighton Sudanese Taxi Forum – represents Sudanese hackney carriage and private hire drivers.
- Brighton and Hove Radio Cabs / Car Cabs – represents B+H Radio Cabs & Car Cabs companies and drivers.
- Hove Streamline – represents Hove Streamline Company and drivers.
- Brighton Streamline – represents Brighton Streamline Company and drivers.
- Brighton & Hove City Cabs – represents City Cabs Company & drivers.
- Taxi link – represents Taxi Link Company & drivers.
- Sussex Police.

And such officers from the council that are required to provide the necessary technical and administrative support.

Appendix B

OVERALL TOTAL returns from Taxi ethnicity monitoring 2005 - 06

Type of application	Frequency	Percentage
Private hire vehicles	214	12.3
Hackney carriage drivers	751	43.0
Hackney carriage vehicles	278	15.9
first applications	79	4.5
Private hire drivers	312	17.9
Waiting list	112	6.4
Total	1746	100.0

ETHNICITY	Frequency	Total Percentage	Percentage	Census 2001 (age16-74) across B&H
White British	1305	74.7	75.8	87.0%

White Irish	14	0.8	0.8	1.8%
White Other*	91	5.2	5.3	5.4%
Black or Black British - African	42	2.4	2.4	0.6%
Black or Black British – Caribbean	2	0.1	0.1	0.2%
Black/Black British – Other*	7	0.4	0.4	0.1%
Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi	54	3.1	3.1	0.3%
Asian/Asian British - Indian	7	0.4	0.4	1.0%
Asian/Asian British - Pakistani	10	0.6	0.6	0.2%
Asian/Asian British – Other*	72	4.1	4.2	0.4%
Mixed – White & Black African	19	1.1	1.1	0.3%
Mixed – White & Black Caribbean	0	0.0	0.1	0.2%
Mixed – White & Asian	18	1.0	1.0	0.3%
Mixed – Other*	14	0.8	0.8	0.5%
Chinese	3	0.2	0.2	0.6%
Other*	63	3.6	3.7	0.8%
Total	1721	98.5	100%	100%
no response	26	1.5		

*** Others self classified as:** Afghan, 23; African, 5; afro-Arab, 1; American, 2; Anglo-Indian, 4; Arab, 6; Arab white, 1; Asian / Asian Brit, 4; Asian/Iranian, 1; black and Arabic, 1; black European, 1; British Moroccan, 1; Coptic, 4; Coptic British, 1; Coptic orthodox 2; Coptic Sudanese, 9; Dutch, 1; Egyptian, 6; Egyptian British, 1; Egyptian/Sudanese, 3; European, 3; father African mother English/white, 1; German mother, 1; Greek, 3; Iranian, 38; Israeli, 1; Italian, 5; Japanese, 2; Jewish, 1; Mauritian, 4; Mediterranean, 3; middle-eastern, 3; north Africa / Egypt, 1; north African, 1; other, 2; Persian, 18; Polish, 3; Portuguese, 3; Romanian, 3; south African, 1; Spanish, 3; Sri-Lankan, 2; Sudanese, 35; Sudanese (non white), 1; Sudanese/British, 3; Sudanese/Egyptian, 1; Syrian, 1; Turkish, 2; Turkish white, 1; Ugandan/English, 1; white African, 9; white and black African, 1; white/middle east, 2; Yemeni, 3