



Notes of the South West Regional Group Meeting

Held on: 11th November 2010

At: Fry Club & Conference Centre, Somerdale, Keynsham, Bristol

Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p>Welcome from Steve Hurley (Chair), acknowledgement of the sponsors (BBFI Limited) contribution and apologies.</p>	
2.	<p><i>Blue Badge Fraud - Paul Slowey of Blue Badge Fraud Investigation Limited.</i></p> <p>Paul provided a presentation on the effects of blue badge parking misuse. Items covered included data regarding the number of badges in circulation (2.45 million), the increase in fraudulent use (DfT estimated figure 10%, anecdotal figure would suggest the real figure is near 50%), public attitude to misuse and some commercial benefits of enforcing the matter. Q&A followed.</p>	
3.	<p>DfT Parking Toolkit – Renata Williams, DfT, Chris Durban, AECOM</p> <p>Following an introduction by Renata, Chris provided a presentation on the Parking Toolkit that will be available to Local Authorities in January 2011. The toolkit is designed to assist local authorities measure performance and has six core areas, namely: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joined up approach • Strategy • Operational Management • Enforcement • Customer Service • Measuring Impacts <p>By using a questionnaire, authorities are provided with a Radar Plot output detailing their parking</p>	

	<p>service provision performance. Any areas requiring attention can then be improved with the help of recommendations provided by the toolkit. Q&A followed.</p>	
4.	<p>Private Parking Enforcement, why it matters to us all – Richard Hilton BPA.</p> <p>Richard explained that the Approved Operator Scheme, launched in October 2007, has 143 members and is attracting regular enquiries. Public awareness has improved although this has resulted in an increase in the number of complaints received by the BPA about parking practice to about 1200 per annum. Richard highlighted that members of the Approved Operator Scheme are subject to an annual inspection and that at the moment there are trial inspections provided by NSI. Other items discussed included details of the sanctions scheme, the establishment of a Code Review group and Independent Appeals Process (currently operated by the BPA however this will be independent). The AOS objective is to provide fair parking for all.</p> <p>Finally, Richard discussed the proposed Government ban on clamping and stated that the BPA only supports banning clamping on roads, not off street.</p>	
5.	<p>BPA Updates and Industry News</p> <p>Graham Brown as President of the BPA provided a BPA update that included a brief overview of the Master Plan, 5 year strategy, meetings between the BPA and government plus forthcoming events.</p> <p>Paul Kyte of Bristow & Sutor provided an update on DVLA Tec issues relating to legislation regarding re-registration of warrants. Further information will hopefully be available after the BESIG meeting on the 30th Nov which TEC are attending. ESA & ACEA have obtained counsels opinion on the issue of forwarding addresses and this will be discussed further at BESIG after which BPA will circulate details to all members.</p>	
6.	<p>Mobile ANPR</p> <p>Leighton Ponting of SEA gave a brief presentation</p>	

	<p>on the benefits of mobile ANPR use, with particular examples of use at schools, bus lanes etc. Items covered included data encryption; details of approvals, how the systems work and evidence pack information. Leighton also highlighted other uses for the system including cashless parking.</p>	
7.	<p>IPP Update</p> <p>Alan Wood of the SKIPPS board brought the attendees attention to the IPP membership leaflet.</p>	
8.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Steve Hurley concluded the well-attended meeting and everyone left to enjoy their purchases made earlier at the Cadbury Store.</p>	