



Notes of the BPA Scottish Group Meeting

Held on 18th May 2011

Apex International Hotel, Edinburgh

Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p>Welcome from BPA President</p> <p>Thanks were given to Liberty Services and Glasdon for sponsoring the Scottish group for 2011.</p> <p>Patrick Troy commented that it was good to see so many people at the Meeting and that the Scottish Group was one of the best attended of all the Regional and Country Groups within the BPA and going forward this will hopefully continue to be the case especially as the BPA intend to offer more support to Groups.</p> <p>An overview of the meeting with the Scottish Government followed which was constructive and positive. The meeting focussed on a variety of issues such as footway parking, moving traffic contraventions and yellow box junctions.</p>	
2.	<p>Announce New Vice Chair</p> <p>Gordon stated that following a final call for nominations to the post of Vice Chair and no further nominations had been received, Andrew Baker, NSL Services was formally appointed as Vice Chair, Scottish Group, BPA.</p>	
3.	<p>Open Forum</p> <p>There followed a discussion regarding charging for hospital parking and the BPA model contract. It was noted that the BPA has established a Model Contract Advisory Group.</p> <p>The CEO requested that practitioners of the contract within Scotland should attend the group in order for any developments/revisions to it can be discussed with those using it to ensure it is tailored accordingly.</p>	
4.	<p>Presentation - NHS Parking in Scotland – Mark Craske, NHS Forth Valley</p> <p>Presentation regarding parking at hospitals with regard to effective travel planning, staff parking, charging for parking and overspill parking.</p>	

5.	<p>Presentation - Bill Brash, Scottish Government – Blue Badge Reform Update</p> <p>Presentation and update on Blue Badge Reform covering consultation analysis report, electronic newsletter and the next stages in the reform. The information is available on the Transport Scotland website www.transportscotland.gov.uk</p>	
6.	<p>Presentation - Liberty Services and Glasdon UK</p> <p>Both confirmed that they were to continue as Scottish Group Sponsors for 2011.</p>	
7.	<p>Presentation - Mike Butler, DVLA</p> <p>After a lovely lunch, Mike gave an enlightening talk regarding the responsibilities of the DVLA and how recent spending cuts have affected them.</p>	
8.	<p>Presentation - David Bell, Asset Skills</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the need for specific parking qualifications in Scotland that are officially recognised by the SQA. It was felt that there would indeed be an interest to learn more about this but committing to the scheme would be dependent on various factors mainly the cost implications.</p>	
9.	<p>Fiona Reid (outgoing Chair), handover to Gordon Catchlove</p> <p>Fiona officially handed over the position of Chair to Gordon who thanked Fiona for her hard work and achievements over the past few years. Gordon also stated he looked forward to working with Andy and Jackie in the immediate future.</p> <p>The meeting closed with Gordon thanking Liberty Services and Glasdon UK for their support and stated the next meeting would be on the 25th October 2011, with full details to follow.</p>	