



Notes of the London Regional Group Meeting

Held on: 8th November 2011

At: Lambeth Council Chambers, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill SW2 1RW

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Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Cheryl Vickers opened the meeting and noted apologies from Kelle Beckett, Steve Bumstead and Paul Slowey.</p> <p>Cheryl explained the new regional support team structure for BPA regional meetings and introduced Rocky Dato, Head of Professional Development and Graham Chapman, Development Manager for London and the Chilterns.</p> <p>Angela O'Shea was confirmed as the new vice chair of the London region.</p> <p>Volunteers for the role of secretary were sought. Post meeting note: Steve Brown of Equita has now volunteered and will act as secretary until the next meeting where a formal vote can take place.</p>	
2.	<p>BPA Updates</p> <p>BPA updates were given by Cheryl Vickers and Graham Chapman according to the Autumn 2011 BPA Update notes.</p>	
3.	<p>Legal Matters – by Claudia Gerrard, Ortolan Group</p> <p>A presentation was given by Claudia Gerrard of the Ortolan Group with regard to legal issues affecting the parking industry and related contractual matters.</p>	

	<p>An explanation was given as to 'what is a contract' and advice was provided referencing advice as how not to enter into a contract unwittingly.</p> <p>A brief explanation of Employment Law and the surrounding issues was supplied including details of the Equality Act 2010 and how the Act relates to disability and positive discrimination.</p> <p>TUPE issues were briefly described along with advice over the Data Protection Act 1998.</p> <p>Claudia provided her contact details to all present and if any Member has any further questions she is available as follows:</p> <p>C. Gerrard Legal Director Ortolan Legal Ltd 81 Oxford St London W1 2EU cgerrard@ortolangroup.com</p> <p>0844 5611 638</p>	
4.	<p>Video Badge Surveillance in the bailiff sector – given by Alan Wood, Whyte & Co.</p> <p>Alan Wood of Whyte and Co. gave a presentation regarding camera technology updating the presentation that he delivered at the previous meeting (23 June 2011).</p>	
5.	<p>The UK Parliament – given by Alasdair MacKenzie, Parliamentary Outreach</p> <p>Session included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The role of Parliament b. The role of an MP c. The difference between Parliament and Government d. How a bill becomes law e. How you can get involved with the work of Parliament f. General elections 	
6.	<p>Blue Badge Partnership: London Borough of Lambeth Case Study – given by Ashley Brandon, LB Lambeth</p>	

7.	<p>Recent TEC Contempt of Court cases and outcomes – given by Lisa Cook, LB Wandsworth and LB Kensington and Chelsea.</p> <p>Following this presentation there was some debate about whether fraudulent use of blue badges would be so prevalent if badge holders still had to pay for parking – it was agreed although this would significantly reduce the motivation for badges being “borrowed” it could compromise some badge holders’ genuine need for the scheme to stay as it is.</p> <p>Ben Stephens Head of Bromley Council Parking Services raised a query to do with VQ615 and if they could discuss this at the next DVLA working group.</p>	Cheryl Vickers will contact Ben Stephen regarding this in order to
8.	<p>New City & Guilds parking qualifications: Management Levels 3, 4 & 5 – given by Kevin Blanch, City & Guilds</p> <p>Presentation is available on the BPA website</p>	
9.	<p>Car Parks and Delivery Consolidation – Joseph Dack, Arup & Matthew Linnecar, Gnewt.</p> <p>Presentation is available on the BPA website</p>	
10.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Items for next meeting were identified as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making the most of the BPA website – how to create your own profile for the web – by Dave Smith, BPA • Local authority websites – case study on London Boroughs’ websites – by Seth Mahadwo, Barnet • Social media and parking • Olympics – TFL input? • Technology (requested by Manny Rasores de Toro) • UK Academy for Parking <p>Date of next meeting will be confirmed through the BPA ezine network (expected date of May 2012).</p>	