



Notes of the South West Regional Group Meeting

Held on: 3rd November 2011
At: The Riviera International Centre, Torquay

Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p>Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <p>Steve Hurley (Torbay Borough Council) provided a welcome acknowledging the sponsors Empark, Bristow and Sutor plus Keltic Clothing.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Kevin Higgins (Bath & NE Somerset Council).</p>	
2.	<p>Notes of the previous meeting</p> <p>The notes of the previous meeting (14th July 2011) were read and agreed to be a true record.</p>	
3.	<p>What's in a Uniform? – David Barry, Keltic Clothing</p> <p>David Barry of Keltic Clothing provided a presentation on the styles and values of uniforms used within the parking sector. The presentation included past examples and current trends.</p>	
4.	<p>Expenditure</p> <p>Vincent Ryan from Empark then provided a presentation on asset management and the options relating to finance, new build and operation</p>	
5.	<p>BPA Updates</p> <p>Helen Crozier of Oxfordshire County Council followed by providing a BPA News update regarding the position of Caroline Shephard, the Strategic Plan and the Freedom Bill, including regarding the development of a business case to establish an independent appeals body for the private sector (including funding options).</p>	

	<p>Chas Cannon (Safer Parking Scheme) updated attendees of the status regarding the number and type of Safer Parking membership in the region and nationally, highlighting an overall increase in members and a shift in the balance of membership between the Public and Private sectors, which now stands at about 50/50. Traditionally, two thirds of car parks accredited have been operated by the Public Sector. In the South West and South Wales there are now 404 accredited car parks, an increase in 10% since April. The national figure is 4782.</p> <p>Paul Kyte (Bristow and Sutor) provided an update on skills and the IPP plus an update on the Elise requirements relating to DVLA access that come into effect from January 2012..</p>	
6.	<p>Debate on the impact of car parking on local economy and the consequences of parking charges with overview from Association of Town Centre Management.</p> <p>Ian Broadfoot, CEO of Torbay Town Centre company then lead a discussion on the importance of parking for Town Centres and its impact on the local economy. Ian confirmed the importance of parking to traders and to business. The presentation / discussion complemented earlier presentations.</p>	
7.	<p>Review of Regional Group posts and the option of a re-election.</p> <p>Steve Hurley then chaired an interesting Question and Answer session. Steve also highlighted the fact that the current South West committee members have been in situ for two years and asked whether anyone else was interested in taking a role. After a discussion covering a number of options the attendees decided to vote to maintain the existing committee for a further 2 years.</p>	
8.	<p>Close of meeting</p> <p>Steve finally thanked everyone and closed the meeting.</p>	