
TAXI SCRUTINY PANEL

06 JUNE 2006

Councillor Burrows
Councillor Connell
Councillor Hussain
Councillor Shaw

Paul Bridge – Assistant Director, Commercial Services
James Dearling – Senior Democratic Services Officer
Ralph Heyes – Assistant Head of Service, Commercial Services
Robert Landon – Head of Democratic Services
Stephen Maslivec – Head of Environmental Protection

Councillor Hussain in the Chair

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

22 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved – That the minutes of the previous meeting, held on 6 April 2006, be approved.

Attached Reports:

[Minutes of the Last Meeting](#)

23 DRAFT FINAL REPORT

The Panel considered its draft final report. During this discussion a number of points were made concerning additions to the report:

- with reference to section 4.6, the average cost in fees be added for both new drivers and existing applicants in relation to Preston, Chorley, and Liverpool;

- with reference to section 7.3, fee comparisons to those local authorities using private sector garages for testing merited inclusion;
- with reference to section 7.9, the value of including independent vehicle testers (in addition to testers from the local authority) and of using STATUS (Specialist Transport Advisory and Testing Utility Society at Manchester Metropolitan University);
- with reference to section 8.1 (iii), the review of the bodywork standards to include both local authorities' and independent vehicle testers; and
- that the Executive Member for Environmental Services be requested to respond to the report within three rather than six months.

Resolved – That, subject to the inclusion of the minor amendments detailed above and their verification by the Panel's chairman, the draft report be approved.

Attached Reports:

[Draft Final Report](#)