



Notes of the London Regional Group Meeting

Held on: 5th March 2015

At: Conference Suite, London Councils, 59½ Southwark Street, SE1 0AL

Item	Notes
1.	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice Chair, Angela O'Shea, welcomed members, announced apologies and gave thanks to Andrew Luck at London Councils for arranging the meeting room. • Introduction given by Ashley Bijster, BPA President
2.	<p>BPA and parking sector updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katerina Papadopoulos, BPA, gave a brief overview of BPA activity. A detailed update can be viewed here. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As part of the Safer Parking Scheme (SPS) update, Kelvin Reynolds, BPA, added that whilst Local Authority (LA) members of the Safer Parking Scheme (SPS) had decreased, those that remain are adding car parks to their existing portfolios, therefore increasing the number of LA sites / car parks. ○ Antony Powell (BPA Area Manager for North London) added that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The total of SPS awards within London remains at just over 600. - Despite some local authorities around the UK withdrawing from the scheme so far, this had not been the case in London. Antony gave examples of councils who had rejoined the scheme and were looking to add a number of new facilities into the scheme. - The total SPS award figure mentioned in the BPA report did not factor in facilities that were currently suspended from the scheme (about 20 car parks in the London area alone currently suspended until satisfactorily reassessed). - Integrity of the scheme is paramount and although suspension is not ideal, it demonstrates that the SPS standards are being maintained and that if a site fell below the award criteria standards, then action would be taken by the BPA. ○ A Park Mark branding workshop will be taking place on 29 April 2015, designed to help improve local awareness of accredited car parks. The two-hour workshop will be held in central London on with a choice of morning and afternoon sessions. It includes refreshments plus a print copy of the refreshed Park Mark marketing and brand manual. Click here to find out more on this workshop using your BPA login details. • Kelvin Reynolds gave an update on the development of the 2015/16 BPA Master Plan for Parking, which will be launched at the President's Reception in June. Country specific Plans are available for the UK, Scotland and Wales; A 'Shared Parking Plan for the Island of Ireland' is also available for Ireland, in partnership with the Irish Parking Association. The 2014/15 theme was based on Rights and Responsibilities and objectives were divided in three areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encouraging Fairness - Improving Compliance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supporting Growth <p>The Master Plan can be viewed here.</p> <p>The 2015/16 Master Plan is based on Keeping Society Mobile. The themes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enabling Sustainable Growth - Promoting Innovation and Investment - Delivering Fairness in Parking for all <p>Members are encouraged to provide feedback on the following key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What did the Master Plan achieve for you? - What should we be lobbying Government on? - Are we still going in the right direction? - What are your thoughts on this year's overall theme? <p>Feedback should be sent to media@britishparking.co.uk</p>	
3.	<p>Update on government plans for parking legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelvin Reynolds gave a presentation on the history and purpose of the Deregulation Bill, how the BPA has been lobbying government and what is happening with the Bill as it progresses towards legislation. To view the presentation, click here. Currently the Bill is due for Royal Assent and will be enacted in March. 	
4.	<p>Parking technologies from around the world</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manny Rasores de Toro, Mr. Parking, gave a presentation on UK parking over the next 10 years. To view the presentation, click here. 	
5.	<p>Achieving operational savings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela O'Shea requested that members share examples of various ways of achieving operational savings. Examples included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replacing lighting with sensor driven LED lights, providing better, protected, lighting which use up 1/3 of energy. - Shared saving schemes - In house printing - Cashless fees / technology, such as chip and pin, wave and pay, Link systems (Kelvin Reynolds did point out that that in terms of investment, the £1 coin will be changing in 2017 and payment machines will need to accommodate that. BPA are lobbying for the new £5 and £10 notes to be released at the same time in order to save time and money on updates). <p>Angela asked if attendees would like this discussion subject to be included in future meetings. There seemed to be sufficient interest to do this.</p>	
6.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela O'Shea requested that members give feedback on possible agenda items for the next meeting. These included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An update on the work of the Westminster street Marshalls 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation from Euro Parking Collections (how to trace tickets for European vehicle keeper details).- Case study on Yield Management (what the correct price should be?)- A lead representative from PATAS EDI to attend with an overview on changes and how they are to be implemented. <p>Please send further suggestions to Alison.t@britishparking.co.uk</p>	
7.	Meeting closed, followed by networking lunch	