



Notes of the North West Regional Group Meeting

Held on: 6th November 2013
At: Monk Sports Club, Warrington

Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p>Welcome, apologies and Notes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Apologies were received from Roy Tunstall, Chairman</p> <p>Andy Hiles (Deputy Chair) not present.</p> <p>Steve Brown (BPA council) kindly chaired the meeting</p>	
2.	<p>BPA updates</p> <p>These were given by Steve Clarke (BPA) copy available on BPA website.</p>	
3.	<p>Group discussion session</p> <p>A general discussion on the success or otherwise of the joint event raised the following comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Disappointment at the lack of local authority attendeesLeeds is still too far to travel for some authorities with travel restrictionsNW group stronger than NEHaving no boundaries is better for contractorsGood networking opportunitiesWebinars to be considered for specific subjects <p>Parking Debate</p> <p>This was generally considered a good day.</p> <p>Views on CCTV/ANPR</p> <p>It was generally felt that the views of Eric Pickles were politically motivated and nobody agreed with his views</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Statutory guidance is looseReport out from AXA Insurance on safety around schoolsPickles should not consider all councils to be the same and he should target individual councils he thinks contravene	

	<p>DCLG Views on Parking ,General group discussion</p> <p>Following a discussion around the views being put forward by DCLG on local authority parking, the following feedback was given:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 LA`s should adhere to the code of practice. Barnet broke the code. 2 LA`s should decide where their income goes to. Off street finances should be ring fenced. 3 How else can staff be monitored, is there a formula to measure compliance? 4 Flexibility in design and content of signs is not a good thing. 5 General disagreement that a ban on camera cars should happen and Ministers should be lobbied to enforce the importance of enabling LA's to use camera cars in circumstances where foot patrols are impractical. <p>TPT</p> <p>Less than 1% of tickets end up at TPT Depends on the TPT staff involved Consistency on adjudication is required</p>	
4.	<p>Events in 2014 – any special requests?</p>	
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Ian Wishart (Burnley) enquired on blue badge legislation. Legislation should allow smaller authorities to seize them if required Steve Clarke BPA to take back and clarify.</p> <p>Steve Brown thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.</p>	
6.	<p>Date of next meeting: 18th March 2014</p>	

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