



## Notes of the North West Regional Group Meeting

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

Item	Notes	Action Points
1.	<p><b>Welcome, apologies and Notes of Previous Meeting</b></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><b>BPA updates</b></p> <p>These were given by Steve Clarke (BPA) copy available on BPA website.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Group discussion session</b></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"><li>Disappointment at the lack of local authority attendees</li><li>Leeds is still too far to travel for some authorities with travel restrictions</li><li>NW group stronger than NE</li><li>Having no boundaries is better for contractors</li><li>Good networking opportunities</li><li>Webinars to be considered for specific subjects</li></ul> <p><b>Parking Debate</b></p> <p>This was generally considered a good day.</p> <p><b>Views on CCTV/ANPR</b></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"><li>Statutory guidance is loose</li><li>Report out from AXA Insurance on safety around schools</li><li>Pickles should not consider all councils to be the same and he should target individual councils he thinks contravene</li></ul>	

	<p><b>DCLG Views on Parking ,General group discussion</b></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"> <li>1 LA`s should adhere to the code of practice. Barnet broke the code.</li> <li>2 LA`s should decide where their income goes to. Off street finances should be ring fenced.</li> <li>3 How else can staff be monitored, is there a formula to measure compliance?</li> <li>4 Flexibility in design and content of signs is not a good thing.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p><b>TPT</b></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><b>Events in 2014 – any special requests?</b></p>	
5.	<p><b>AOB</b></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><b>Date of next meeting:</b> 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014</p>	

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