



Notes of the South East Regional Group Meeting

Held on: 16 October 2014

At: Swale Borough Council Offices

Item	Notes	
1.	<p>Welcome, apologies and notes of previous meeting</p> <p>Bob Spicer (BS Chair) welcomed everyone to Swale.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Gary Connor at Sevenoaks Borough Council</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting (19 June 2014) were approved and signed off. It was pointed out that no copy has appeared on the BPA website.</p>	
2.	<p>BPA and parking profession updates – given by Jo Audley-Charles</p> <p>Updates were given by Jo Audley-Charles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction of a new Parkmark website and 10th anniversary video- U tube of BPA Website- Best Practice focus groups are looking for LA members- Operational services update- Membership services update- Public Affairs and Research Update- Parkex 2015 21-23 April at Birmingham NEC- <p>For full information on any of the above please refer to the BPA website.</p>	
3.	<p>Parking and VAT - Presentation</p> <p>Keith Miller, Dow Schofield Watts Services delivered a presentation with regard to VAT in Parking</p> <p>Presentation available on BPA website</p>	
4.	<p>Update on TCE</p> <p>Paul Caddy (Phoenix Commercial Collections) gave an update on TCE</p> <p>Presentation available on BPA website</p> <p><i>Questions were raised with regard to the lawful use of ANPR and data protection issues</i></p>	

<p>5.</p>	<p>Update on government plans for parking legislation</p> <p>Two presentations were given by Kelvin Harris – both can be found on the BPA website</p> <p>A discussion followed regarding CCTV and ANPR</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>(4b) Accredited Standards and Charters for Parking</p> <p>A group discussion took place around ‘Raising Standards and Professionalisation and Making Parking a Recognised Profession’</p> <p>Q: Would wider adoption of standards and charters assist in improving image and public confidence?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Developing standards give assurance” - “Evidence not looked at by Politicians” - “Unsure it will achieve anything in public’s perception” - “LA’s work to policies anyway and are controlled by Members” - “Would the public honestly care about a parking charter?” - “Good practice isn’t promoted” - ‘LA’s have serious budget restraints. If it isn’t mandatory it is unlikely to be signed up to” - ‘Nothing is wrong with an audited industry standards.” <p>Q: What are your views on the extent to which charters or other standards should be accredited or audited?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “They should be but...” - “Should everything be audited” - “If accredited it must be, otherwise it is undetermined” 	
<p>7.</p>	<p>AOB and Next Meeting Date</p> <p>The next meeting is to be held on 18th June 2015 at Thanet District Council</p>	