



Notes of the South West Group Meeting

Held on: 19 May 2015

At: Ashton Court Estate, Bristol BS41 9JN

Item	Notes
	Welcome from Paul Kyte (Chair), acknowledgement of the organisers (Bristol City Council). Apologies were received from Chris Rourke (Devon) Chris Major (Bath and North East Somerset) Mike Mars (Marston).
1.	The Minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as being true and accurate. Welcome from BPA President, Ashley Bijster. Adrian Lardner was elected as the new Vice Chair of the South West group.
2	<p>Alison Tooze (BPA) provided an update on BPA activities with latest news events. Areas covered included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPA Board structure, • New members of the Council of Representatives, • BPA Regional Group changes in the North East • Details of Know Your Parking Rights • How members can provide feedback • BPA's work with the Government Inc. creating standards setting board • DCLG • Parking in the Media • Events update • Court Cases – Parking Eye v Beavis • BPA Masterplan
3.	Chas Cannon (Parkmark) followed by confirming that the Parkmark scheme has now 4897 awards nationally with 442 in the South West. Balance of membership is moving towards the private sector. Also that a Safer Bus Station scheme is being launched following pilot schemes in the Midlands and South Wales.
4.	Paul Kyte (Chair) followed by providing a DVLA focus group update. Information relating to the use of the vehicle enquiry system and plans to host the system on a new platform was provided. Other issues discussed included the use of PO Box numbers to register vehicles, abuse of Motor Trade and Cherished plates, DVLA procedures and the use of camera technology for Off Street enforcement was covered.
5.	Iain Worrall of The Traffic Penalty Tribunal provided a presentation on the new on line appeals service system available to local authorities. At present 15 local authorities plus the Dartford Crossing use the service, which is being upgraded shortly. The presentation attracted interest from attendees.
6.	Next to present was Dr Steve Melia from UWE – The Choice for Britain: Parking Controls or Rural Destruction. An informative presentation, areas covered included the reasons as to why the active management and correct enforcement of parking will be critical to manage expected development and population growth. Q&A followed

<p>7.</p>	<p>The attendees were then split into four groups each answering a question relating the future of parking and urban mobility.</p> <p>A summary of feedback and views of the group on this topic was as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology is not standardised with lots of different systems doing the same thing • Clarity on areas for investment and sustainability of solutions is needed • Need better understanding of how car developments are going to impact/lead decision making for technology investment – ie will all in built guidance systems work with all technology/payment systems? • Driverless vehicles seem like such a distant reality that it is difficult to incorporate this into current thinking or understand the potential impact • Currently the complete customer journey is in theory possible but point above about getting technology joined up and understanding how to link with other systems is key • Considering generational differences and how the local populous might engage with technology is important • Must get the basics of car parking and customer service right in the first place before adopting more sophisticated systems • Fear that technology will result in loss of human interaction • Technology will enable greater choice and self service <p>This was an initial discussion on a topic area which will be a key part of the parking agenda on an ongoing basis and more specific aspects will be discussed and presented at subsequent meetings. It was clear that the topic needs to be presented and considered relative to each regional group's perspective and local conditions as adoption of technology/smart city concepts and intelligent mobility will be very different in highly populated urban areas vs rural.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>AOB followed along with plans for the next meeting on 22nd October, the venue for which is most likely to be Exeter. Paul Kyte then closed the meeting.</p>