

Minutes of the Advisory Committee on SPSVs Meeting
Video conference, Thursday, 28th April 2022

Present:

Chairperson	Mr. Cornelius O'Donohue
Representing SPSV and driver interests	Mr. Kevin Finn, Mr. John Murphy, Mr Shajedul Chowdhury, Mr Francis Doheny
Consumers	Ms Michelle Reid, Mr. James Cawley
Representing the interests of Business	Ms. Ann Campbell
Representing the interests of older persons	Mr. Peter Fleming
Representing the interests of tourism	Mr. Al Ryan
Special interest or expertise	Mr. Noel Ebbs, Mr. James O'Brien, Ms. Fiona Brady

Apologies:

Representing interests of persons with disabilities	Ms. Joan Carthy
An Garda Síochána	Superintendent Tom Murphy
Local Authorities	Ms. Mary Henchy
Special interest or expertise	Mr. James O'Brien

NTA Staff in Attendance:

Mr. Eddie Fullerton (Compliance Manager, Taxi Regulation)

Ms. Jackie Mullen (Secretary)

1. Minutes and Matters Arising.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 31st of March were approved without amendment. A query was raised in relation to the ratio of drivers per 1,000 population in the UK. Does the figure of 4.4 drivers per thousand population include private hire/uber? The NTA will be asked to clarify.

2. Local Area Hackneys.

The Committee agreed that this matter should be closed for the short-medium term. The Committee agreed that all necessary measures had been taken by the NTA and that nothing further can be done in the short- medium term to increase uptake of the local area hackney licences. The Chair will submit an appropriate report to the NTA.

3. Local Area Hackneys.

The Committee agreed that it would be useful to get a presentation on smart taxi roof signs. The Chair agreed to invite one of the main providers to give a presentation at a future meeting.

4. Dublin Airport Permits

Dublin Airport Authority is seeking applications for airport permits from WAV's only. There was a concern among some Committee members that this might impact on supply of WAV's in other areas around the city. The NTA noted that as the ranks and holding areas at the airport are numerically constrained and taxis are dropping off in other areas of the city, this should not impact on the

availability of WAV's in other areas of the city. James Cawley agreed to liaise with Joan Carthy to discuss this issue and will come back to the Committee on this issue.

10.45am Advisory Committee and NTA.

5. NTA Update

All statistics were updated to the 31st March 2022.

Approximately 70% of those who pass the skills test go on to apply for a licence.

6. AOB

The Chair informed the Committee that no decision has been taken in relation to the re-appointment of those members whose term is due to expire in June.

In relation to the public consultation on the Fares review there may have to be a special meeting of the Committee to discuss this matter. The secretary will circulate a link to the public consultation documentation to the Committee members.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 26th May 2022 at 10.30am

Signed: _____ **Dated** _____