

Draft Minutes Advisory Committee on SPSV's

Thursday 26th October 2023 10.30am

Hybrid Meeting

Present:

Chairperson	Mr. Cornelius O'Donohue
Representing SPSV and driver interests	Mr. John Murphy, Mr. Shajedul Chowdhury, Mr. Francis Doheny
Special interest or expertise	Mr. James O'Brien
Representing the interests of business	Ms. Ann Campbell
Representing special interest or expertise	Ms. Fiona Brady
Representing the interests of Local Authorities	Mr. Brendan O'Brien
An Garda Síochána	Superintendent Tom Murphy
Representing the interests of older persons	Ms. Mai Quaid
Representing special interest or expertise	Mr. Paul Gegan

Apologies:

Representing the interests of persons with	Ms. Joan Carthy
Representing the interests of consumers	Ms. Michelle Reid
Representing the interests of tourism	Mr. Paul Keeley

NTA Staff in Attendance:

Ms. Jackie Mullen (Secretary), Ms. Roisin Cullinan (Head of Licensing), Ms. Wendy Thompson (Director of Transport Regulation), Mr. Carl Connolly (SPSV Technical Advisor)

1. Minutes and Matters arising

The minutes of the September meeting were approved with no amendment. The Chair conveyed his thanks to Noel Ebbs for his valued and balanced contribution to the Committee over the years. The Department of Transport is now in the process of filling the current vacancies and hopes to have new members appointed shortly.

2. Advisory Committee - Status as a State Board

The Chair informed the Committee that the Advisory Committee on SPSV's is no longer listed as a State Board as it does not have the wider governance functions that State Boards have. This does not in any way change the status and remit of the Committee which is currently laid out in legislation.

NTA officials join the meeting

3. NTA Update

The NTA update was previously circulated to the members. In relation to the WAV Grant a query was raised in relation to tax compliance checks for applicants. Roisin Cullinan confirmed that all tax compliance checks are now carried out online and in real-time. A person who is not tax compliant

cannot apply for a grant. In addition, NTA carries out regular checks on the tax compliance status of all licence holders. In response to a query on trends for unique remote compliance checks, Wendy Thompson informed the Committee that the strategic direction of the compliance unit had moved to covert/overt operations, targeted detections and joint agency operations more than remote licensing checks since late 2019 as the remote checks had begun to consistently provide circa 90% compliance rates. 2022 will always be an outlier as a very visible presence was required of officers, with high licence checks through the reopening of the nation post Covid.

4. Presentation on EVs / eWAVs

Due to technical issues with the online connection, Carl Connolly was unable to give his presentation. It was agreed to circulate the presentation to the Committee and to invite Carl back to the November meeting to give his presentation in person and answer any queries from the Committee.

5. AOB

There were no issues raised.

The next meeting of the Committee will be in person and take place at 10.30 on Thursday 30th November 2023 at NTA, Dún Scéine, Harcourt Lane, Dublin, D02 WT20.

Signed:

Dated: