

## Draft Minutes Advisory Committee on SPSV's

### Hybrid meeting

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 10.30am

#### Present:

Chairperson	Mr. Cornelius O'Donohue
Representing SPSV and driver interests	Mr. John Murphy,
Representing SPSV and driver interests	Mr. Francis Doheny
Special interest or expertise	Mr. James O'Brien
An Garda Síochána	Superintendent Tom Murphy
Representing the interests of older persons	Ms. Mai Quaid
Representing special interest or expertise	Ms. Fiona Brady
Representing the interests of tourism	Mr. Paul Keeley
Representing the interests of persons with disabilities	Ms. Joan Carthy
Representing SPSV and driver interests	Mr. Shajedul Chowdhury
Representing the interests of Local Authorities/Dublin City Council	Mr. Brendan O'Brien
Representing the interest of Business	Ms. Ann Campbell
Invitee	Mr. Noel Ebbs

#### **NTA Staff in Attendance:**

Wendy Thompson, Director Transport Regulation; Roisin Cullinan (Head of Licensing Regulation)  
Anne O'Sullivan (Acting-Secretary),

#### **Minutes and Matters arising**

The minutes of the 26/10/2023 meeting were approved with no amendment.

## **2. General Discussion**

The 2 vacancies on the Committee were discussed. There was general discussion regarding some members' nonattendance; Superintendent Murphy noted that the committee cannot function without the members contributing. The Chairman noted that without proper representation the committee is unable to function; that the committee is doing its business, but if anyone is missing then the same matters have to be discussed again.

There is a vacancy on the consumer side; James Cawley's vacancy, and another special interest vacancy. The Chairman noted that the Committee is allowed a member of any category as replacement. Ann Campbell queried if it could be advertised on Public Jobs however the Chairman advised that it is not a State appointment anymore.

## **3. Correspondence Received re Receipts and Unlicensed taxis**

Superintendent Tom Murphy referred to a complaint re charging on an UBER App. from Francis Doheny who was not present at the time at the meeting. The Chairman proposed the matter was therefore discussed offline between Roisin Cullinan and Superintendent Murphy. This was agreed.

## **4. NTA Update**

Wendy Thompson and Roisin Cullinan joined the meeting, Roisin gave an update on NTA grant schemes, compliance, licencing statistics.

Fiona Brady raised a complaint regarding a broken ramp on a WAV which could not take a passenger. She noted some difficulties associated with the NTA complaints procedure; RC gave an update on WAV compliance and noted Fiona's comments regarding the current complaints procedure.

## **5. Presentation EVs / eWAVs (NTA)**

Carl Connolly Technical Advisor gave a presentation on EVs and WAVs which was followed by a discussion on various matters arising from the presentation. NTA also provided a practical look at WAVs outside the building for the Committee members.

## **6. Dates for meetings 2024**

The Chairman confirmed that the Committee meetings would take place on the last Thursday of each month even if the Thursday was the last day of the month. The Chairman also stated that he felt that in person works best for meetings. With regard to emails he wanted members to note that two email are issued with regard to meetings – one for the meeting and a separate email for a Teams link to join remotely. The Chairman confirmed that Jackie would issue out the expenses form to the members.

**AOB**

Wendy advised the Committee that the strategy for future was going to the Board next April.

There was a discussion re Restaurant Association and UBER arranging collections, and UBER looking for some contact with the hospitality sector.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**