

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

PUBLIC SAFETY AND PROTECTION COMMITTEE

PUBLIC FORUM BUSINESS

16th DECEMBER 2010

	Name	Subject	Comments
1	Shafiq Ahmed	Survey and Blue Colour	Statement attached

The items below will be presented at the public forum at the PS&PC on the 16th December 2010 by one of my colleagues or myself.

SURVEY

The NTA would like to request an adjournment on the item regarding our request for a survey to be conducted to measure the demand for the number of hackney carriage vehicles.

The grounds for an adjournment are;

- 1/ The NTA requires more time to verify the legal advice being given to this committee by the councils own legal office.
- 2/ The NTA would like the opportunity to modify the request for a survey and the conditions attached, subject to our legal advice.

If the request is accepted we would like this particular item presented to the first suitable meeting of the PS&PC in the new year.

BLUE (MATCHING SHADES)

The NTA would like to put forward a request to allow a relaxation of the policy allowing close matching shades to the accepted Bristol blue. We would like to see a relaxation that would allow a wider range of shades of blue for a limited time only, up to 2016 or when a vehicle is replaced. We are of the opinion this would not compromise the public safety message that the council is trying to promote. This relaxation would only apply to a small number of hackney carriage vehicles.

BLUE (1st MAY 2011)

The NTA would like to put in a request for the deadline of 1st MAY 2011 to be extended. At present there are only a small proportion of the hackney carriage fleet that have resprayed to Bristol blue.

Our request is based on the fact that in the midst of a recession it is unreasonable to have individuals burdened with such costs. We believe it is worth noting that both the public and private sector are all feeling the pinch of the recession and taxi drivers are not immune to the recession.

We are of the opinion that if this extension is allowed it would not compromise the council's public safety message. The council can promote the single livery and the public safety message to the new extended date, if one is agreed.

If the request of trade is agreed it would go a long way to improving the relationship between the trade and the council.

Regards
Shafiq Ahmed