

**Bristol City Council**  
**Minutes of the Public Safety and Protection**  
**Committee**



**10 October 2017 at 10.00 am**

**Members Present:-**

**Councillors:** Nicola Bowden-Jones, Chris Davies, Richard Eddy (Vice-Chair), Carole Johnson, Mike Langley, Paula O'Rourke, Ruth Pickersgill (Chair) and Lucy Whittle

**Officers in Attendance:-**

Ashley Clark (Legal Advisor) and Claudette Campbell (Democratic Services Officer)

**1. Apologies**

The Chair, Cllr Pickersgill, welcomed and led introductions.

Noted apologies from Cllr Windows.

**2. Declaration of Interest**

None

**3. Public Forum**

Statement received from David Redgewell on the Accessibility for all on all forms of vehicles.

Action: Jonathan Martin, Trading Standards and licensing Manager, was tasked to investigate and ascertain who would provide information back to the Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> November.

**4. Petition presented by Hackney Drivers of Bristol**

Mr A Djahlat on behalf of Hackney Drivers of Bristol presented the petition.

The Chair invited him to address the committee. The following points were noted from his presentation:



- Concerns were raised about the extent of the rules imposed on hackney taxi drivers that they felt did not benefit the public
- That the need to accessibility taxis did not always benefit those who found entering and exiting such vehicles difficult, particularly the old and those with other forms of disabilities.
- That they had far more elderly and less mobile passengers than they did wheelchair users.

The Chair invited question from comment on points of clarity in respect of the petition statement.

- a. Cllr Eddy requested that information was provided in writing on the allegations raised with regards the MOT stations.
- b. Cllr Davis enquired whether the reason for the statement was because they felt they were not being heard.
  - a. The petitioner explained that at the forum meetings they were advised that the issues raised would not be brought to committee and they were advised to do so themselves.
- c. The Chair informed all that the forum meetings did take place and were minuted. The forum was in place to influence and support BCC policy development. The process was good.
- d. Cllr Langley requested updated details on the 2010 Regulations and the implications.

Chair, thanked the petitioner and those in attendance for addressing the committee. The appropriate offices will be tasked to respond and update the committee and forum in respect of the issues raised.

Meeting ended at 10.30 am

**CHAIR** \_\_\_\_\_

