

**BUS LANE ADJUDICATION SERVICE JOINT COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**REPORT FOR RESOLUTION**

**DATE:** 26<sup>th</sup> June 2007  
**AGENDA ITEM** Number 8  
**SUBJECT:** New BLASJC Member Councils  
**REPORT OF:** The Lead Officer,

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To request the Joint Committee to confirm the extension of the Chief Bus Lane Adjudicator's appointment and that of the other bus lane adjudicators to cover the areas of a number of Councils who have become party to the BLASJC Agreement.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

- [i] Note that since the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2007 the Councils listed in Table 1 of this report have become a party to the BLASJC agreement, and
- [ii] Confirm the appointment of the Chief Bus Lane Adjudicator and other part-time Bus Lane Adjudicators to cover those Councils listed in Table 1.

**FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS**

There are no immediate consequences to either the Revenue or Capital budgets. However, authorities taking up civil bus lane enforcement powers will help to assist in future economies of scale.

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Minutes of the BLAS Joint Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2007

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Whilst all the existing highway and traffic authorities with Special and Permitted Parking Areas have all been designated under the Transport Act 2000 regulations as approved local authorities, any other local authorities taking such powers will be similarly designated. All of these authorities must, in exercising its functions to appoint adjudicators, participate in the BLASJC agreement should they decide to impose penalty charges for bus lane contraventions. The original signatories for such a Joint Committee (The BLASJC) are Brighton & Hove, Hampshire, Manchester, Nottingham, Reading and Sheffield. Since the meeting of the Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2007, the following local authorities have become a party to the BLASJC Agreement.

**TABLE 1**

<b>Local Authority</b>	<b>Statutory Instrument No.</b>	<b>Date of Agreement</b>
Oxfordshire	2755	28 March 2007

1.2 In order to avoid the need for the Joint Committee to meet on each occasion that a Council wishes to join BLASJC it was delegated to the Lead Officer to extend the appointment of the Chief Bus Lane Adjudicator to cover such areas. Similarly, the authority to appoint part-time Bus Lane Adjudicators to the areas of joining Councils was delegated to the Chief Bus Lane Adjudicator.

1.3 Leading Counsel previously advised, in relation to the National Parking Adjudication Service Joint Committee that as soon as possible after such delegation has been exercised it is prudent for the Joint Committee to resolve to confirm the appointment of the Chief Bus Lane Adjudicator to cover these areas. Accordingly, the Committee is requested to confirm the action of the Lead Officer as detailed in the recommendations of this report.