



S12 – Security Guarding Industry Leadership Group Workstream Meeting

MR8 Mandatory Business Licensing – Monday 1st December 25 – 11-12pm (teams)

Chair – Peter Harrison – Meeting AI notes

Purpose

First meeting for the Mr. 8 work stream on business licensing.

Takeaways

- Business licensing is crucial for raising industry standards and ensuring public safety.
- The BAS (Business Approval Scheme) is being developed to replace the ACS (Approved Contractor Scheme).
- Three levels of BAS are proposed: entry, specific service approval, and high standard companies.
- Dog handlers and labour providers need to be included in business licensing discussions.
- Mandatory business licensing is seen as necessary to prevent unfair competition and exploitation.
- Government departments may resist business licensing due to perceived economic impact.
- An MRA manifesto is proposed to outline the benefits of mandatory business licensing.
- Enhanced public safety and improved industry image are key benefits of business licensing.
- Consultations and surveys are planned to gather industry support and data.
- Participants are encouraged to amplify the message and involve more industry stakeholders.

Detailed summary

Introductions and meeting objectives

- Peter Harrison introduced the meeting and outlined the agenda.
- Participants introduced themselves, sharing their experience and interest in business licensing.
- The meeting aims to discuss business licensing, risks, blockers, and opportunities.

Business licensing and BAS



- Business licensing is seen as essential for raising industry standards.
- The BAS is being developed to replace the ACS with three proposed levels.
- Level one of BAS is intended to become mandatory business licensing.
- Concerns were raised about the need for dog handlers and labour providers to be included.

Government resistance and industry support

- Government departments may resist business licensing due to economic concerns.
- Participants emphasized the need for industry support to push for licensing.
- An MRA manifesto is proposed to outline the benefits of business licensing.
- Enhanced public safety and improved industry image are key benefits.

Action items and next steps

- Participants are encouraged to amplify the message and involve more stakeholders.
- Surveys and consultations are planned to gather support and data.
- Participants are asked to provide information on in-house security officers.

Discussion on industry challenges

- Participants discussed challenges such as unfair competition and labour exploitation.
- Concerns were raised about the lack of enforcement and transparency in reporting issues.
- Suggestions included creating a database of non-compliant companies.

Closing remarks

- Paul Fullwood emphasized the importance of industry support for business licensing.
- Participants were thanked for their contributions and encouraged to continue discussions.



- The next meeting is scheduled for a month later.

Action items

- **Include dog handlers in business licensing discussions.**
Peter Harrison
- **Prepare an MRA manifesto outlining the benefits of business licensing.**
Peter Harrison
- **Gather information on in-house security officers for Home Office survey.**
All participants
- **Amplify the message and involve more industry stakeholders.**
All participants
- **Participate in upcoming surveys and consultations.**
All participants

Attendees

1. Peter Harrison - Chair
2. Paul Fullwood - Chief of Staff
3. Adam Shorter - Events Services
4. Brian Curran - Keyhold Security
5. Chris Perry - NVC security
6. Jason Grant - CRT security group
7. Jessica Spencer
8. Jonathan Moore - security
9. Matt Williams - Lead for
10. Neil Grimmer - Sports Events
11. Paul Green - K9 protection
12. Paul Howe - Venture Security
13. Peter Moore - T3 Security
14. Phil Garnett -
15. Richard Harris - Gardium
16. Russell Doyle - Kestrel Guards
17. Sean Pennington - Nine Arches
18. Simon Alderson - First Response Group
19. Stuart McBride - Impact services
20. Henry Badoo - Black Star Security
21. Sammi Martins - Compass group
22. Jay Bullock



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