



Member Engagement & Representation – Activity Report Q2 2016

Issue	Activity	Engagement	Key Outcome
Private parking	Meeting between several rental and lease members, and the Independent Parking Committee (IPC)	IPC	First meeting to discuss a proposed memorandum of understanding between BVRLA and the IPC.
Grey fleet	Meeting with Energy Savings Trust plus members	EST	Second meeting to discuss available data and policy recommendations around reducing grey fleet use, with a final paper to follow.
Motoring Services	Consultation response to the DfT's consultation on motoring services	DfT	A follow-up meeting was set up with the policy manager of the consultation to discuss the BVRLA's policy recommendations and industry concerns. We await DfT's publication of a summary of responses, plus next steps.
SMMT Connected and Autonomous Vehicles Forum	The BVRLA met with David Wong and Alessandra Wayman to discuss the BVRLA's membership of a new steering committee.	SMMT	The BVRLA is awaiting feedback from Mr Wong regarding a future role on the SMMT CCAV Forum.
SMMT launch of CO2 report	The BVRLA attended the launch of the SMMT's report on the CO2 ratings of new vehicles.	SMMT	The SMMT's newly published figures reveal that the average BVRLA rental or lease car is still considerably greener, with lower emissions.
Budget 2016	The BVRLA made a detailed submission to HM Treasury on issues for consideration as part of the Budget.	HM Treasury	The BVRLA met with representatives of HMT to discuss current issues around the current growing tax burden on company cars; the planned review of salary sacrifice arrangements; and the continuing non-allowance of First Year Allowances on lease cars.

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DART Charge	Letter to Highways England Chief Executive Jim O' Sullivan highlighting the ongoing problems for members, and calling for a suspension of the Charge until these issues have been satisfactorily resolved.	Highways England	A meeting has been set up with senior staff at Highways England and Sanef to discuss the ongoing problems and necessity of a long-term solution.
Vehicle Safety	Sent the newly published Vehicle Safety policy paper to stakeholders including Transport Minister Andrew Jones, with a request to meet and discuss the various policy recommendations. We have also met with the policy directors at DfT, with whom we continue to share latest evidence.	DfT, Cabinet Office	A letter from the Solicitor-General, Robert Buckland MP, to the Paymaster-General, Matt Hancock, advising him to consider the BVRLA's recommendation for all procurement vehicles purchased by Government are NCAP 5 standard, plus fitted with Autonomous Emergency Braking as standard.
Air Quality	Sent the newly published Air Quality policy paper to stakeholders including Defra Minister Rory Stewart, with a request to meet and discuss the various policy recommendations.	Defra, DfT, DECC	The BVRLA met with the newly established Air Quality unit, which includes senior directors within Defra and DfT, who confirmed that the standard required for future Low Emission Zones would be a consistent one across the UK, as requested by the BVRLA. The BVRLA will now be approaching representatives of the five cities nominated to have a LEZ.
Intelligent Mobility	Sent the newly published Vehicle Safety policy paper to stakeholders including Head of the newly created Centre for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles (CCAV) Iain Forbes, with a request to meet and discuss the various policy recommendations.	CCAV, BIS	The BVRLA has agreed to forward its agreed data principles, and continues to engage with CCAV regarding fleet developments. We will also be setting out our priorities for a consistent data metric standard and other requirements in our submission to the current CCAV consultation.
Business Car Taxation	Sent the newly published Business Car Taxation policy paper to stakeholders including Exchequer Secretary Damian Hinds, with a request to meet and discuss the various policy recommendations.	HM Treasury, HMRC	The BVRLA has met twice with policy specialists from Treasury to discuss the recent changes in Company Car Tax, and the deferral of the 3% diesel surcharge. We are also currently preparing a new analysis of the tax and employment benefits of salary sacrifice arrangements.
Parliament	The BVRLA has met with 14 MPs to discuss the four policy papers and the recommendations arising from these, plus issues such as the DART Charge.	MPs (various)	The BVRLA plans to establish an All Party Parliamentary Group to serve as a vehicle for Parliamentary debates on issues of interest or concern to the sector. Full details of individual meetings and outputs available on request.

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VED reform	The BVRLA attended a seminar hosted by DVLA to discuss changes to the system of Vehicle Excise Duty, due to come into force in 2017.	DVLA	DVLA has clarified what the planned changes to VED will be, and when this is scheduled to come into force. The BVRLA will also ensure members are briefed on both.