



Tyne and Wear Freight Partnership

December Quarterly Meeting

North Tyneside Council, Quadrant East, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, NE27 0BY

In Attendance:

John Bourn (Chair)	- Tyne & Wear LTP Team
Councillor Ed Hodson	- North Tyneside Council
Malcolm Dodds	- RHA
Michael Page	- Aecom
Ed Foster	- Newcastle City Council
Ian Radley	- Highways Agency
John Cram	- North Tyneside Council
Andy Flynn	- North Tyneside Council
Keith Taylor	- Northumberland County Council
Andrew Jameson	- Sunderland City Council
Peter Hayes	- Aecom
Richard Toner	- Eddis Transport
Gordon Carr	- CILT
Malcolm Bingham	- FTA
John Hix	- Aecom
Martin Murphy	- Nectar
Dewan Islam	- Newcastle University
Stephen Bland	- North Tyneside Council
Yvonne Forster *	- Tyne & Wear LTP Team

Apologies:

Kieron Bridges	- Newcastle City Council
Tom Zunder	- Newcastle University
Graeme Heron	- Northumbria University
Trevor Male	- South Tyneside Council
James Turnbull	- Durham County Council

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Item	Action
<p>1. Attendance and apologies.</p> <p>Councillor Hodson welcomed everyone to the meeting. JB (Chair) thanked North Tyneside Council for hosting meeting. Introductions were made and apologies read out.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising.</p> <p>Minutes of meeting held on 28 September 2011 were agreed as a correct record</p> <p>Civitas Project – Further information sent. Awaiting response</p> <p>Transport Newcastle to host European Freight Conference – JB in discussions with TZ to arrange event.</p> <p>TT2 – Waiting for reply re safety walkway. Both tunnels now open. Early signs are that congestion has been reduced.</p>	
<p>3. Presentation by Ed Foster – Proposed Newcastle/Gateshead Low Emission Zone</p> <p>EF gave an interesting and informative talk on the background to air quality management, and the proposals to set up Low Emission Zones, which are at a very early stage. Currently working on a project plan and looking at cost of enforcement. There will be an impact on buses and HGV's. DEFRA is scrutinising work being done very closely. Some scepticism of figures DEFRA using.</p> <p>The presentation was followed by a discussion, the main points being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Congestion Scheme – 99% compliance claimed but think it is actually much lower at 66%. The area covered by our scheme will be much smaller than London • Some firms will run vehicles for longer before replacing them • Not sure if statement “cars have quicker turnover” (ie, are replaced faster than HGVs) is true • LEZ's achieve both environmental and health aims • Euro 3 engines can't burn off when held up in congestion • How do you educate operators who do not update their fleet? • No government incentives to fit particulate traps or modernise fleet • Envisage Parking Officers (Blue Caps) in Local Authorities would enforce zones. Option to use ANPR cameras • Government suggesting Euro 4 standard engines • Work being carried out on cleaner fuels, no information as yet. <p>EF said it was important to have input from this group and agreed to attend a future meeting.</p>	

<p>JB thanked EF for presentation. EF left meeting.</p>	
<p>4. Presentation by John Hix – Tyne & Wear Freight Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS)</p> <p>JH explained to the group how the scheme would work. Bronze, Silver and Gold levels. Range of benefits and support improvements available in London, eg free online driver manuals, free driver CPC training, toolkits, free equipment. Benchmarking integral part of the scheme. Web based workshops available. Meeting targets essential part of scheme to move from bronze through to gold. Can chart/measure overall performance. JB working with TfL to develop a pilot scheme in Tyne & Wear, to be launched in the spring, and will be monitored over the following year.</p> <p>JB said it would probably have a brand name to reflect local membership eg FORS Tyne and Wear. This will be developed over the next few months in time for the launch. Possibility of Local Authority Fleets joining FORS.</p> <p>JB thanked JH for presentation.</p>	
<p>5. Presentation by Martin Murphy – Rail Freight Partner Group Update</p> <p>MM gave an absorbing presentation about the benefits of rail freight, future challenges and opportunities, the situation in this region and the work of the Partner Group who are seeking to promote rail freight locally. JB thanked MM for presentation.</p> <p>DI suggested expanding Group to include Teesside and Teesport. JB pointed out that, whilst it was interesting to find out what other areas were doing, our funding was for Tyne & Wear and couldn't spread to other areas we are not funded to deal with.</p> <p>MP said Teesport and Tees Valley are invited to this meeting but don't get a response.</p>	
<p>6. Lorry Parking – DfT Study – Mike Page</p> <p>Truck Parks at Gateshead not being used – not known why. Group discussed security of truck parks, and agreed they needed to be secure before enforcement put in place.</p> <p>It was noted some work had started at potential site at entrance to Tyne Tunnel Trading Estate. JB suggested making enquiries to find out was happening.</p>	

<p>MP would still like to get Northumberland CC on board. JB still in discussions. MP to pass report to JB.</p>	
<p>7. Progress with the 4C's – Peter Hayes</p> <p>Document circulated re the Containerised Cargo Carbon Calculator (4C's), the proposed alternative to the Multi-Modal Map. Has improved functionality and more information. More benefits than Multi-Modal map. Rebranded version will be available by end of financial year. Currently only UK focused.</p>	
<p>8. 2011 – 12 Task Update - Aecom</p> <p>MP / PH gave a brief update.</p> <p>Multi-Modal map - PH displayed map and explained how it works. Resources on website. Allows operators to take decisions on deciding on modal shift. Focused on environmental benefits and modal shift. Good tool, basic information. Some limitations at the moment.</p> <p>Best Practice Information – Now on website.</p> <p>Signage – Aecom in discussion with Sunderland, waiting for feedback. AJ liaising with Adam Clelland in Sunderland CC regarding this. In hand.</p> <p>Promoting the Partnership –Graham Heron, Northumbria Uni, has asked MP to do a presentation for students about the Partnership.</p> <p>JB did recent presentation for the UK Warehousing Association at SCA Hygiene site in Prudhoe, which was well received</p>	
<p>9. AOB None.</p>	
<p>10. Next Meeting</p> <p>JB thanked everyone for attending what was a useful and productive meeting. He also thanked North Tyneside for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Ed Hodson thanked everyone for attending and said the key objective was to follow up the discussions by delivering tangible benefits.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held in South Tyneside on 7th March 2012 at 10.30, in Committee Room C, South Shields Town Hall.</p> <p>The presentations are available on the Partnership's website.</p>	