



Tyne and Wear Freight Partnership

June Quarterly Meeting

Collingwood Room, Civic Centre, Newcastle

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| In Attendance: | John Bourn (Chair) | - Tyne and Wear LTP Team |
| | Andrew Jameson | - Sunderland City Council |
| | Steve Bland | - North Tyneside Council |
| | Jessica Anderson | - Newcastle City Council |
| | Lee Davies | - Railfuture NE |
| | James Turnbull | - Durham County Council |
| | Tom Zunder | - Newcastle University |
| | Malcolm Dodds | - RHA |
| | Keith Ross | - Network Rail |
| | Cllr Ed Hodson | - North Tyneside Council |
| | Colin Gransbury | - AG Barr |
| | Kieron Bridges | - Newcastle City Council |
| | Peter Hayes | - Aecom |
| | Mike Page | - Aecom |
| | Gordon Carr | - CILT |
| | Tony Walker | - Railfuture NE |
| | Sally Herbert | - Newcastle City Council |
| | Graeme Heron | - Northumbria University |
| | Stuart Corker | - Gateshead Council |
| | Rachel McGraffin | - Newcastle City Council |
| Yvonne Forster | - Newcastle City Council* | |
| Apologies: | Nigel Cook | - Eddis Transport |
| | Malcolm Bingham | - FTA |
| | Martin Murphy | - NECTAR |
| | Jon-Paul Younger | - Port of Tyne |
| | Ian Radley | - Highways Agency |
| | Matthew Hunt | - Port of Tyne |
| | Kevin Walker | - GB Railfreight (remove from list) |

* Author of note

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| JB (Chair) welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2011/2012. Introductions were made round the table and apologies read out. | |

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| <p>Minutes of last meeting</p> <p>Minutes of meeting held on 9 March 2011 were agreed as a correct record</p> | |
| <p>Matters Arising</p> <p><u>Sunderland Signing Strategy</u> - MP advised a consultation meeting with Sunderland City Council took place on March 11. Sunderland are to do the signing themselves. The strategy identified a number of points which they took on board.</p> <p><u>Freight Exchange Programme</u> – Useful trial but operators gaining little benefit, therefore not worth pursuing.</p> <p><u>Tyne Tunnel Tolls Increase</u> – MD reported increase in tolls had not gone down well with members. It was felt hauliers were bearing the brunt of the increases and being penalised for being in the area and needed to use the tunnel. TW suggested varying prices across 24 hours (may be difficult for coin machines to cope with). GC suggested a permit system for frequency of use and off peak times.</p> | |
| <p>Bridge Strikes – Presentation by Keith Ross, Network Rail</p> <p>KR outlined the background and Network Rail’s plans for maintenance and prevention of bridge strikes, followed by a short discussion. JB thanked him for an interesting and illuminating presentation. KR to provide pdf of presentation for circulation (<i>already done</i>).</p> | |
| <p>Civitas Project – Final Conclusions</p> <p>JB advised the group that after receiving European funding for a knowledge-sharing project, focusing in part on foreign HGV drivers entering the region, they were now in the process of compiling a report and summarising various findings.</p> <p>The main partner was the City of Bremen, with whom officers had an exchange visit, which was very constructive.</p> <p>A successful European Freight Conference was held in February, which was well attended and provided some positive feedback.</p> <p>Administration has been found to be a very complex and arduous process in terms of audit requirements.</p> | |
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| <p>Working Arrangements for 2011/12</p> <p>JB advised there has been a slight change due to the current economic climate.</p> <p>Organising meetings, newsletters, website, maintenance of Truck Information Points, will be managed in-house. Specialist activities will be delivered by Aecom as per the 2011/12 Business Plan.</p> <p>PH distributed a copy of the Business Plan presentation and asked the group to decide the best option between Fuel Ready Reckoner or Multimodal Map, as we don't have budget to provide both.</p> <p>For mapping work, he explained that every location had been visited and the information added to the maps before being sent to the LTP Team to update database. More emphasis is to be put into press releases.</p> <p>Regarding the Online Forum, as it has limited use at present, he asked everyone at meeting to sign up and add questions, ideas and experiences to generate interest. Any advice or suggestions would be appreciated.</p> <p><u>Fleet Recognition</u></p> <p>MD said RHA don't endorse the FORS scheme in London. They do have members in it but is questionable what benefits are gained from it.</p> <p>TZ felt the FORS scheme was very ambitious. He suggested sponsorship could be obtained for the multimodal map. He suggested looking for commercial bodies who would be interested.</p> <p>JB suggested a scaled down version of FORS</p> <p>TZ not sure of schemes outside of London. Tyne and Wear area has to benefit from scheme. Could involve discount through Tyne Tunnel.</p> <p>JB said would continue with work/research and identify scheme best suited to our needs.</p> <p>JB thanked PH for update.</p> | <p>Action: TZ to advise further</p> |
| <p>Proposals for Operator-Focused Evening Meeting on 7th September</p> <p>JB confirmed quarterly meetings will continue, the next ones being 7th September 2011, 7th December 2011 and 7th March 2012.</p> <p>It is proposed to hold the September meeting in the early evening to allow operators to attend. The meeting will be operator focused and include presentations possibly on fleet recognition, the planned freight consolidation centre and Tyne Tunnel 2.</p> | |

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| <p>MD thought this was a good idea worth trying and offered to promote in the RHA's journal and website for operators coming into area and using our roads.</p> <p>TZ said could be North East event rather than committee meeting. Suggested smaller meeting round table first then open up to bigger audience.</p> <p>TZ – focus on customers and CILT members. Retailers could also be involved. Suggested involving large operators eg NHS Logistics. GC to look at members list. Suggested involving DFDS, Port of Tyne and Graeme Mason (CBI).</p> | <p>Action: LTP Team to provide details to MD</p> <p>Action: GC to assist with contacts</p> |
| <p>AOB</p> <p>TZ said Transport Newcastle were interested in holding a European Freight Conference in the North East in 2012.</p> | <p>Action: TZ to advise when more details known</p> |