



Tyne and Wear Freight Partnership

March Quarterly Meeting

Held at South Tyneside Council, Town Hall & Civic Offices, South Shields on 7 March 2012.

In Attendance:

John Bourn (Chair)	- Tyne & Wear LTP Team
Councillor Ed Hodson	- North Tyneside Council
Malcolm Dodds	- RHA
Michael Page	- Aecom
Andrea King	- South Tyneside Council (for first presentation)
Ian Radley	- Highways Agency
John Cram	- North Tyneside Council
Stuart Corker	- Gateshead Council
Keith Taylor	- Northumberland County Council
Andrew Jameson	- Sunderland City Council
Peter Hayes	- Aecom
James Turnbull	- Durham County Council
Mark Van Kalles	- Aecom
Malcolm Bingham	- FTA
Graham Heron	- Northumbria University
Martin Murphy	- Nectar
Jon Higgins	- Newcastle City Council
Jon-Paul Younger	- Port of Tyne
Yvonne Forster *	- Newcastle CC

Apologies:

Nigel Cook	- Elddis
Councillor P Mason	- North Tyneside
Councillor P Wood	- Sunderland
Gordon Carr	- CILT
Trevor Male	- South Tyneside Council
Deborah Crooks	- South Tyneside Council

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Item	Action
<p>1. Attendance and apologies.</p> <p>JB welcomed everyone to the 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 7 December 2011 were agreed as a correct record</p> <p>Civitas Project – Reimbursement received from EU.</p> <p>Transport Newcastle to host European Freight Conference – no further progress. JB to contact TZ.</p> <p>TT2 – Still waiting for reply re safety walkway.</p> <p>Ed Foster happy to attend future meeting to update group. Government sceptical about LEZ schemes. Await further progress.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>MP</p>
<p>3. Presentation by Graeme Heron, University of Northumbria - Does the University's transport and logistic course relate to the issues and needs of the North East?</p> <p>GH explained about the training provided by Northumbria University and asked for feedback/comments. GH asked operators if they would be willing to allow student visits into their businesses, to embed theories. MB asked what their view is on intermodality. GH said there is a lack of infrastructure and lack of willingness to change. Railheads need to be re-opened and incentives and penalties put in place. MM enquired who would deliver improved facilities. GH saw a public/private partnership running railheads. Cllr Hodson asked who training is aimed at. GH said graduates and post graduates, but also run corporate training sessions. JB thanked GH for very interesting presentation and suggested putting small item in newsletter asking operators to help with student visits.</p>	
<p>4. Presentation by Jon Higgins – Proposed Newcastle/Gateshead Local Development Framework</p> <p>JH gave presentation on basic ideas for urban core action plan from Newcastle perspective. They are not agreed policy as yet and will go out to formal consultation in late spring/early summer. This will be an 18 – 20 year programme and it is envisaged civils works will be completed by 2030. SC said Gateshead Council is largely supportive of what is in the document, and discussions are ongoing with Newcastle regarding road links. Jon's presentation will be available on the Freight Transport website at a later date. JB thanked JH.</p>	

<p>5. Progress Update on the Tyne & Wear Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) – Peter Hayes, Aecom</p> <p>TfL FORS scheme being trialled in Tyne & Wear over the next year to see how it works and assess interest from operators. A workshop has already been held, where interest was shown by 4 operators. A launch event is scheduled for May 2012.</p> <p>Feedback requested on rebranding of FORS specifically for Tyne & Wear. MD thought smaller operators should be consulted on the scheme and offered to put in RHA newsletter.</p> <p>JB thanked PH for update</p>	
<p>6. Demonstration of the Containerised Cargo Carbon Calculator (CCCC) – Mark Van Kalles, Aecom</p> <p>MVK gave live demonstration of CCCC, which is easy to use and benefits mode shifts. It is licensed for Tyne & Wear for next 5 years. Some rebranding still needs to be done. It is free to use and will be hosted on website.</p> <p>JB thanked MVK for impressive demonstration.</p>	
<p>7. 2011 - 2012 Task Update – Aecom</p> <p>Mapping – goes live at end of March. MP asked for feedback.</p> <p>Washington Signage – Strategy completed and ready to start at end of March.</p> <p>Lorry Parking – Good capacity in Tyne & Wear, but is underutilised.</p> <p>Multi modal tool updated and incorporated into Tyne & Wear site.</p> <p>Rail Freight Questionnaire – electronic version only received 2 responses. Has recently been highlighted on emails to try and get more replies.</p>	
<p>8. Action plan for 2012 – 13</p> <p>The proposed action plan was outlined.</p> <p>New area to look at – cycle safety technology on HGV's. Guide and tool kit to help understand safety issues. Also work with Newcastle Cycle Forum.</p> <p>A draft of the Business Plan is awaiting further comment from LTP partner officers and will then go to Joint Transport Steering Group for final approval.</p> <p>SC advised looking at existing problem in Tyne & Wear. Statistics available from Gateshead Council. JB said this is major issue in London and wanted to avoid accidents in Tyne & Wear, bearing in mind we have ambitious targets for cycling growth. MD pointed out that cycling accidents not always HGV's fault.</p>	

<p>9. AOB</p> <p>AJ said it would be useful to have link in agenda when sent out to Freight Partnership website and previous minutes.</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>10. Next Meeting</p> <p>JB thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and thanked South Tyneside Council for hosting it.</p> <p>AJ offered to facilitate the June meeting at Sunderland Civic Centre. We propose 6th June for the meeting. 10:00 reception for a 10:30 start Committee Room 2, Sunderland Civic Centre, Sunderland</p> <p>The presentations will be made available on the Freight website.</p>	