



Delivering Safe, Sustainable  
and Efficient Freight for  
Tyne and Wear

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### March Quarterly Meeting (6<sup>th</sup> March 2013)

North Tyneside Council HQ, The Quadrant, Silverlink, Cobalt Business Park.

#### In Attendance:

John Bourn (Chair)	- Tyne & Wear LTP Team
Councillor Frank Lott	- Tyne & Wear ITA
Councillor Ed Hodson	- North Tyneside Council
Keith Taylor	- Northumberland County Council
Michael Page	- AECOM
Trevor Male	- South Tyneside Council
Gordon Carr	- CILT
John Cram	- North Tyneside Council
Tony Walker	- Nectar
Richard Toner	- Eddis Transport
Andrew Jameson	- Sunderland City Council
Paul Davison	- AECOM
Ian Radley	- Highways Agency
Martin Murphy	- NECTAR
Graeme Heron	- Northumbria University
Gary Appleby	- Port of Tyne
Tom Zunder	- University of Newcastle
Malcolm Dodds	- RHA
Malcolm Bingham	- FTA
Colin Gransbury	- AG Barr
Yvonne Forster *	- Newcastle City Council

#### Apologies:

Alasdair Tose	- Gateshead Council Fleet
Chris Renehan	- Stockton Council
Tim Stone	- Capital Shopping Centres

\* Author of notes

Item	Action
<p><b>1. Introduction and apologies.</b></p> <p>JB welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Paul Davison from AECOM, who has taken over the Project Manager role from Peter Hayes.</p>	
<p><b>2. Minutes of last meeting and Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Minutes of meeting held on 5 December 2012 were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Still hope to have speaker from Port of Sunderland attend a future meeting.</p> <p>TZ heard nothing more on Transport Newcastle hosting European Freight Conference. Would still like to do this but proving difficult to carry out.</p> <p>FORS – Discussions ongoing with Newcastle Procurement. Keen to get on agenda of regional procurement meetings with other Tyne &amp; Wear Districts.</p> <p>North East LEP – Terms of Reference for the Economic Review had been circulated. JB thanked those who contributed.</p> <p>CILT ITS Maritime meeting at Port of Tyne – 7 or 23 May. Details will be circulated once final date agreed.</p>	<p><b>JB/MP</b></p> <p><b>JB</b></p> <p><b>GC</b></p>
<p><b>3. Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) – Update on Progress, Michael Page</b></p> <p>Looking at registrations and future of FORS. Propose to contact companies again next year.</p> <p>Progressing with councils and hoping to include a clause in procurement contracts that bidders have to be members of recognition schemes.</p> <p>15 organisations have registered with scheme, covering over 2,000 vehicles. We now have 6 bronze members and a further 5 have booked assessments.</p> <p>There are no restrictions at the moment if organisations wish to sub-contract work.</p> <p>4 out of 5 Tyne and Wear Councils have signed up. Working with Gateshead and hoping they will join too.</p> <p>TZ – talking to Newcastle University about incorporating recognition scheme into procurement contracts and if FORS will be appropriate. Suggested MP/JB will be invited to do presentation at some point.</p>	<p><b>JB</b></p>



<p><b>6. Project Yali - MP</b></p> <p>Freight investigation officers looking for drivers to report suspicions. No funding to promote project. MP offered to disseminate information through these meetings and on website. Group agreed.</p>	<p>MP</p>
<p><b>7. Task Update – Paul Davison</b></p> <p>Website – progressing.</p> <p>Suggested Project Yali information could go on ferry TIP. Will look at once funding in place. Will be on Durham TIP.</p> <p>Vulnerable Road Users – Developing electronic pack. Suggestions for strapline welcomed. Looking for venue for event.</p> <p>PD – not aware if working with Times Cycling Campaign.</p> <p>RT – Lot of technology for drivers to be looking at - cyclists need to be aware too.</p> <p>MD – newer, cleaner engines require bigger radiators. Battle to decrease blind spot. Industry is looking at safety/carbon issues.</p> <p>Cllr Lott – need to work with cyclists to raise awareness of how vulnerable they are.</p> <p>MP – Have worked with Newcastle City Council Cycling Officer to raise awareness.</p> <p>JB – Through LSTF Go Smarter to Work programme, we are targeting adult cycle training. Not region wide but trying to address.</p> <p>Rail Freight Survey – progressing.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><b>8. Smartfusion – TZ Presentation</b></p> <p>TZ outlined work they are currently doing, looking at how university can reduce freight volumes by understanding their supplier systems, then developing interventions.</p> <p>TZ said they would like some date from RHA.</p> <p>It is hoped the analysis will lead eventually lead to self consolidation through suppliers, with a more sustainable delivery pattern.</p>	
<p><b>9. Monitoring Partnership Benefits</b></p>	

<p>A short questionnaire was circulated electronically to partners. A broad range of organisations responded to the survey.</p> <p>Would like to see more operators attending partnership meetings. Communicating through newsletter, leaflet and website.</p> <p>Would also like to see involvement with Northumberland, Durham and possibly Cumbria.</p>	
<p><b>10. AOB</b></p> <p>JB informed members of planned road changes in Newcastle at Byker Bank/ Cut Bank – raised crossing platforms are being put in place to enhance safety and it is being removed from advisory list of freight routes – see presentation.</p>	
<p><b>12. Date and venue of next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 10.30 in Swan Parsons Room, Newcastle Civic Centre.</p> <p><b>Dates of the quarterly meetings next year are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>June 12<sup>th</sup> 2013, venue Newcastle Civic Centre</b></li> <li>• <b>September 4<sup>th</sup> 2013 venue TBC</b></li> <li>• <b>December 4<sup>th</sup> 2013venue TBC</b></li> <li>• <b>March 12<sup>th</sup> 2014 venue TBC</b></li> </ul> <p>Operators are welcome to hold meeting in their depots.</p> <p>JB thanked North Tyneside for their hospitality in hosting the meeting.</p> <p>The presentations are available on the Partnership’s website.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div data-bbox="272 1541 387 1675" style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div data-bbox="783 1597 1126 1659" style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div> <p><i>Disclaimer: The sole responsibility for the content of these notes lies with the authors. It does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the European Union. Neither the EACI nor the European Commission are responsible for any use that may be made of the information contained herein.</i></p>	