



Tyne and Wear Freight Partnership

11th March 2014 - Quarterly Meeting

Committee Room 1 South Shields Town Hall

In Attendance:

John Bourn (Chair)	Tyne & Wear LTP Team
Michael Page	Aecom
John Cram	North Tyneside Council
Andrew Jameson	Sunderland City Council
Martin Forster	Sunderland City Council
Paul Davison	Aecom
Malcolm Bingham	FTA
Martin Murphy	NECTAR
Gary Armstrong	Outspoken Delivery
Gary Appleby	Port of Tyne
James Turnbull	Durham County Council
Kevin Cobb	Alex Smiles Ltd
Stuart Smiles	Alex Smiles Ltd
Trevor Male	South Tyneside Council
Simon Jobe	Tyne & Wear LTP Team
Colin Barnes	South Tyneside Council
Nigel Cook	Elddis Transport
Malcolm Dodds	RHA
Scott Kirkley	VOSA
Dick Phillips	Northumberland County Council
Stuart Corker	Gateshead Council
Colin Gransbury	A G Barr
Bruce Carnaby	Newcastle University
Dr Dewan Islam	Newcastle University
Annabel Haynes *	Newcastle City Council

* Author of note

Apologies:

Councillor Frank Lott	TWITA
Ian Radley	Highways Agency

Item	Action
<p>1. Attendance and apologies.</p> <p>JB (Chair) welcomed everyone and thanked South Tyneside Council for hosting meeting. Introductions were made around the table and apologies read out.</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of last meeting held December 2013 and Matters Arising.</p> <p>Minutes of meeting held in December 2013 were agreed as a correct record</p> <p>Matters Arising not on the agenda</p> <p>Item 9: S Smiles had questions relating to Gosforth Red Route and had emailed P Davison who had then arranged for responses to be provided.</p>	
<p>3. Tyne & Wear FORS - Michael Page</p> <p>An update was given based on the slides given in the handout at the meeting. Points to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construction industry trying to mandate suppliers to be FORS registered. Existing members reinforced the benefits - Workshop attendance is good; 2 more in March - New round of workshops in 2014/15 - Thanks to hosts and sponsors 	
<p>4. VOSA – Talk by Scott Kirkley, Enforcement Officer</p> <p>SK talked about the expansion scheme for Authorised Testing Facilities and the potential closure of the testing stations in the region.</p> <p>MD raised a question about what ATFs will be able to do – SK to find out (send info to M Page).</p> <p>VOSA will become DVSA (Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency)</p> <p>Operator Compliance Risk Scores (OCRs) - more information to be available on line this year.</p> <p>Road User Levy introduction in April 2014, based on time/weight/axle configuration. SK advised that the majority of operators won't be paying more than they do now and there will be a publicly available portal to check foreign registration plates are paid up.</p> <p>VOSA will be targeting small van owners on the basis that nearly half fail MOTs and many at the roadside are found to be overloaded.</p> <p>Drivers Certificate of Professional Competency (DCPC) becomes effective in September 2014 – many organisations leaving this to the last minute so there will be a lot of work for VOSA. There will be fixed penalties for those found not to be carrying CPC cards.</p> <p>It was noted that VOSA only enforce 'minimum standards'.</p>	SK/MP
<p>5. Final Task Update</p>	

<p><u>Mapping</u> – area freight maps have been updated. In the process of getting ‘abnormal loads’ information from local authorities to update the map.</p> <p><u>Rail Freight</u> – the next meeting is to be scheduled for May 2014 and invites will be circulated. Proposed biomass project at Blyth Power Station is not going ahead – implications for rail?</p> <p><u>Promoting the Partnership Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nov 2013 present at Go Dutch cycling event at Newcastle Civic Centre - 11/12th June Newrail event at Newcastle University (10 places allocated to Freight Partnership). Let MP know if anyone wants to attend <p><u>MMCC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - this tool provide possible alternative routes when given origin and destination for transport of goods - A cost element has now been added to this <p><u>Longer Semi trailers</u> – trial closed to newcomers now. Plenty of research being undertaken – desktop, phone interviews, electronic surveys, etc.</p> <p>NC (Elddis) advised that there was a lot of onerous admin involved with the trial, especially if using them on a variety of routes.</p> <p><u>Safe Urban Driving</u> – successful pilot scheme involving HGV driver’s awareness of bike users. Will be more courses next year (2014/15) in association with GoSmarter project.</p> <p><u>Vulnerable Road Users</u> – cycling in NE is less safe than in other regions of the UK (The rate of accidents per billion vehicle miles is 4th highest in the UK) – the Partnership, working with operators and cycling groups, need to do what we can to address this.</p>	
<p>6. Smartset – Talk by Newrail, University of Newcastle (Bruce Carnaby) (See presentation slides)</p> <p>A Smartset & Smartfusion leaflets were distributed – Smartset aims to understand how freight transport in European cities and regions can be made more energy-efficient. And demonstrate sustainable and better use of freight terminals. Newcastle University are the lead partner for the task examining clean vehicle market.</p> <p>The Smartfusion project is to demonstrate novel transport innovations that will improve efficiency, social and environmental sustainability, with the University as lead partner. BC elaborated using the university campus as an example. A pie chart showed vehicle activity around the campus broken down by type which identified a lot of delivery vehicles which they are now trying to address and streamline to improve their ‘green’ credentials as well as improve traffic and congestion on site. Plans are afoot to establish a ‘drop zone’ for all deliveries with the intention of using ‘green/electric’ vehicles for deliveries around the site.</p>	

<p>It's also been identified that no one person is responsible for the logistics on site so congestion builds up around construction areas.</p>	
<p>7. Cycle Logistics – Talk by ‘Outspoken Delivery’ (Gary Armstrong) (See presentation slides)</p> <p>Cycle delivery business based in Cambridge – good location as a) already a ‘cycling city’ and b) reasonably flat.</p> <p>Company offering light ‘paper’ deliveries around the city and also ‘last mile’ delivery for other distributors. Can be quicker to make deliveries by bike rather than using motorised vehicle.</p> <p>Several case studies given during presentation.</p>	
<p>8. Cycle City Ambition Bid – Update on Newcastle’s plans (Anne Clark) (See presentation slides)</p> <p>AC gave an update on the bid and its 6 workstreams.</p> <p>Important points to note for freight operators are the knock on changes to road layouts, reduced speed limits, introduction of cycle lanes and perhaps to consider providing cycle parking in car parks/depots, etc.</p> <p>Freight operators are aware HGV drivers and the industry need to be more aware of cyclists but cyclists also need to be aware of HGV drivers issues through training and awareness – is this being considered? Yes, training for cyclists is also part of the funding.</p> <p>Some freight operators have been involved at cycle events, taking vehicles along to allow cyclists to sit in the cab and understand a driver’s view.</p> <p>It was noted that roads and road layouts had not always fully considered the needs of cyclists in the past but this was now being addressed for new developments.</p> <p>ACTION - AC to return to a future meeting of the Freight Partnership when more details available.</p>	MP/AC
<p>9. Any Other Business</p> <p>Next meetings – June 4th 2014 at the Lamesley Room, Ground Floor, Gateshead Civic Centre, 10:30 start</p> <p>We would be happy to hold meetings at alternative sites and include a ‘site visit’, as per UTMC meeting in September 2013. Please let us know if you have appropriate facilities to host the meeting on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd September 2014 • 3rd December 2014 • 4th March 2015 	