

**SCOTTISH FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS ADVISORY GROUP (ScotFLAG)
MEETING ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2010, 11:00, VICTORIA QUAY**

Present: Alastair Wilson (Scottish Government) (Chair)
Chris MacRae (Freight Transport Association)
Phil Flanders (Road Haulage Association)
Maya Rousen (Scottish Enterprise)
Gillian Hastie (Transport Scotland)
Rab Dickson (Nestrans)
Pam Stott (Scottish Government)
Jim May (Scottish Government)

Guests: Ian Mackay (Royal Mail)
Ian Malcolm (Scottish Government)

Apologies: Frank Roach (Hitrans)
Margaret Horn (Scottish Government)
Gareth Williams (Scottish Council for Development and Industry)

WELCOME

1. Alastair Wilson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

2. The following points were raised:-

- a) **NTS Refresh** – The NTS had been published in December 2006 and offered a 20 year vision based around 3 key strategic objectives which were to reduce emissions, improve journey times and connections and to improve quality, accessibility and affordability. Alastair Wilson said that stakeholders had been written to with regards to the proposed refresh. After consideration, Ministers have concluded that the exercise was not necessary at this stage i.e. it would not make sense to undertake this type of process during the spending review. SG will work within the available resources to deliver key projects including the Forth Crossing.
- b) **Connekt** – Alastair Wilson asked if an appetite existed to form a sub group on this issue. Maya Rousen commented that Scotland Europa could consider potential opportunities, such as Connekt, on behalf of ScotFLAG. Rab Dickson said that any EU funding would have to be for specific projects; Pam Stott agreed and added that any such potential funding should be built into project considerations rather than by setting up a specific sub group to deal with funding. After further discussion it was agreed not to set up a sub group.

- c) **Skills for Logistics** – Alastair Wilson commented that following the Skills for Logistics presentation for ScotFLAG on 3 June, should a training sub group be set up? Pam Stott replied that she was attending a Skills for Logistics seminar on 21 September. Coupled with the current programme issued by Skills for Logistics, she would produce a paper for ScotFLAG to consider on the setting up of a sub group for the meeting of 7 December. Chris MacRae mentioned that the introduction of Driver CPC could lead to a large amount of training being carried out at the end of its first 5 year cycle. This would lead to a supply and demand issues and could be one of the issues to be addressed by any potential sub group. Phil Flanders also added that like all new training systems, quality assurance was still being bedded in.

Action: Pam Stott to produce a training sub group paper.

FREIGHT QUALITY PARTNERSHIPS (FQP) REPORT

3. Rab Dickson said that several issues had arisen concerning the north-east of Scotland through Nestrans. These had been:
- a) the development of freight maps, both paper and online versions, to enable HGVs to use the most appropriate routes available to them;
 - b) a lorry parking survey, particularly concerning the use of lay-bys and parking within urban areas;
 - c) the flow of freight traffic;
 - d) potential low emission zone restraints for Aberdeen city centre. (Any such action would most productively be based upon working with bus companies as it would be difficult to limit the number of cars using the city centre and the number of HGVs concerned was marginal.)
4. Maya Rousen asked if the freight maps were linked to satellite navigation technology. Rab Dickson replied that they would not be. Instead they would concentrate on issues such as bridge height restrictions, city centre delivery times etc. Pam Stott commented that this could potentially link in with work already in place on the Freight Scotland Website.
5. Maya Rousen mentioned that Scottish Enterprise have staff that can transpose information onto maps of Scotland on PDF files. This could be a useful format for the freight maps to be made available to HGV drivers.

Action (1): Pam Stott to forward contact details for Peter Cullen (of the Freight Scotland Website Team) to Rab Dickson.

Action (2): Rab Dickson to send details on freight maps to Maya Rousen.

LORRY PARKING SUB GROUP REPORT

6. Phil Flanders confirmed that the role of the sub group was to:
 - a) carry out a review on the lorry parking facilities available across Scotland; and
 - b) produce a report that could be used by industry to 'fill in any gaps' that existed.
7. Phil Flanders confirmed that the work carried out by the sub group had largely been based around information gathering. To enable this, the following actions had been undertaken:
 - a) regular planned meetings of the sub group had taken place;
 - b) consultation with trade unions;
 - c) a map showing all known lorry parking sites had been produced;
 - d) a break down of the facilities available at the known lorry parking sites had been drawn up;
 - e) an online survey of operators / drivers was underway to establish:
 - i. where they drive;
 - ii. where they park; and
 - iii. whether current provision met their needs.
8. Phil Flanders said that to complete the information gathering aspect of the exercise, he would further engage with both the Police and the STUC. Ian Mackay added that it would be useful to contact Alan Dobie of the Scottish Crime Centre.
9. Phil Flanders reported that a total of 74 respondents had taken part so far online. Although the number involved was relatively low, it had provided useful information. Pam Stott added the low reply rate could be an indication that industry did not regard lorry parking as a high level issue and regarded Government intervention as not being required.
10. Originally it had been intended to produce a report for the Autumn of 2010. However the information gathering exercise of the project had taken longer than expected and this had resulted in the target date for the report being pushed back until December 2010.
11. Phil Flanders tabled a report which is detailed below:



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CLIMATE CHANGE SUB GROUP REPORT

12. Chris MacRae said that he had produced a paper taking stock of climate change options for ScotFLAG to consider. A series of issues such as night-time deliveries (e.g. FTA pilot schemes in conjunction with the Noise

Abatement Society), a carbon tool-box etc would be matters that industry would seriously have to consider in light of carbon reductions required by 2020.

13. Pam Stott commented that a lot of information and projects had taken place. An issue was drawing together all of this advice and examples of good practice so that industry, especially SMEs, could find and use options to make them both more efficient and thus help to reduce their carbon footprint. The creation of a carbon tool-kit which would allow companies to cherry pick systems and procedures to meet this aim could be a potential way forward. Phil Flanders agreed that this idea was worth examining.
14. Pam Stott said that responsibility for action from industry was another issue to be fully addressed. Currently no financial penalties were in place for industry if it does not meet its carbon reduction targets in 2020 or 2050. The freight sector, like all industries, was driven by the need to make profit. The climate issue may not be as high on the agenda of business as it could be, especially as Scotland is still suffering from the effects of the recession.
15. Pam Stott stated that the Department for Transport had facilitated an industry led group that had created an agreed criteria for the measurement of carbon within the supply chain. This would allow for a centrally driven common method to measure emissions. Maya Rousen added that it was essential that industry be made aware of and used this standard.
16. The paper on climate change is detailed below:



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20/20 SEMINAR

17. Ian Mackay thanked ScotFLAG for inviting him to the meeting. The 20/20 Group is facilitated by the Scottish Government and consists of organisations from industry. Its aim was to consider what actions can be taken by industry to achieve the climate change targets set by the Government for 2020.
18. Ian Mackay stated that part of this process was to be a freight led seminar to be held on 12 November. The purpose of the event was to engage with the 'doers' of the freight industry to see what actions can be undertaken in the 'real world' i.e. fleet managers rather than staff responsible for policy. The seminar would be based around:
 - a) attendance from 30 fleet managers, a mixture from both the public and private sectors;
 - b) presentations by speakers coupled with syndicate work;
 - c) outlining the new duties to be carried out by public bodies in relation to carbon reduction that can also have a knock on effect

for private companies they use to carry out functions on their behalf;

- d) drawing together key performance indicators;
- e) considering behavioural changes to enable carbon reduction in the supply chain etc.

19. Ian Mackay said that the seminar would be the first of a series of similar events. They would be a stepping stone towards giving industry ownership of carbon reduction. Future seminars would be targeted at specific sectors within the freight industry and would include the use of rail and water.

20. Pam Stott said that the Department for Transport had a benchmarking tool within its Freight Best Practice Programme that may be of interest to the 20/20 Group. Alastair Wilson also added that it would be worthwhile to involve SG colleagues involved in both buses and taxis.

Action: Jim May to forward a list of fleet managers to Ian Malcolm on behalf of the Trade Associations by 25 September.

TRANSPORT NEWS REWARDS

21. For information, Pam Stott said that Freight Best Practice Scotland would be sponsoring an award at the event on 5 November. It would be the Scottish Reward for Fuel Saving Initiatives.

FRESNEL LENSES

22. Pam Stott confirmed that the Scottish Government would not be purchasing Fresnel lenses which would be passed onto industry free of charge. Individual companies and drivers would be able to purchase and use the lenses.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The dates of the next meeting is on 7 December in Victoria Quay at 11.30am.