

**SCOTTISH FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS ADVISORY GROUP (SCOTFLAG)
MEETING ON 8 JUNE 2011, 12:00, VICTORIA QUAY**

Present: Pam Stott (Transport Scotland) (Chair)
Gareth Williams (Scottish Council for Development and Industry)
Phil Flanders (Road Haulage Association)
Maya Rousen (Scottish Enterprise)
Frank Roach (Hitrans)
Michael Cairns (Tactran)
Alastair Wilson (Transport Scotland)
John Maxwell (Transport Scotland)
Jim May (Transport Scotland)

Telephone: Chris MacRae (Freight Transport Association)

Guests: Dan Cathcart (AECOM)
David Connolly (MVAC)

Apologies: Rab Dickson (Nestrans)
Margaret Horn (Transport Scotland)
Gillian Hastie (Transport Scotland)

WELCOME

1. Pam Stott welcomed everyone to the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

2. The following points were raised:-
 - a) **Freight Best Practice Scotland** – Pam Stott informed the meeting the programme had been available online via Transport Scotland website since 1 April. The latest addition to this service was an online video on vehicle safety checks by drivers.
 - b) **Driver Certificate of Professional Competence Sub-Group** – Pam Stott confirmed that the Sub-Group met on 5 April. They had considered issues such as supply and demand, the quality of training and costs. A data sourcing exercise had been completed and the target date for the full report was the Autumn of 2011.

SCOTFLAG REFRESH

Pam Stott led a debate on a paper reflecting the views of Group.

3. From the document, Pam Stott led a discussion based around the following questions:
 - a) **Remit** - How relevant do you think our remit is in meeting the 6 main priorities of the Scottish government over the next 5 years?

- b) **Membership** - Do you agree with the membership proposals within the report?
- c) **Operating principles** - Is there an appetite to use telephone / video conferencing?
- d) **Meeting schedule** - Does the Group endorse the proposed approach?
- e) **Sub-Groups** - Do the Sub-Groups meet ScotFLAG expectations in terms of outputs?
- f) **Sub-Groups** - Can we make better use of the expertise within the Sub-Groups?
- g) **Other issues** - Do you have any other issues you would like to discuss?

RTPs CHAIR MEETING REPORT

4. Michael Cairns said that the updates from RTPS were from Tactran and Nestrans. The Tactran update was further work in developing a trial freight consolidation centre scheme for Perth with the intention of going live in spring 2012, subject to funding. For Nestrans the updates were development of route maps for use by HGV drivers – available electronically and paper-based; and Wellington Road, Aberdeen signal optimisation project that has provided additional green time for HGVs on a steep incline with consequent reduced delays and less pollution.

Action: When information on HGV speed and data collection becomes available, Michael Cairns (or Rab Dickson) to report back to ScotFLAG.

HITRANS ACTIVITY REPORT

5. Frank Roach said that 2 reports would be discussed:

- a) the timber transport scoping study undertaken by Dan Cathcart of AECOM;
- b) a whisky logistics study carried out by MVAC.

Dan Cathcart informed the Group that the aim of the timber scoping study had been to investigate the volume of timber movement across the HITRANS region, and to help better understand the growing demand for timber and how that is affecting the transport infrastructure. He added that the scoping study also aimed to profile examples of 'best practice', identify why operators are investing in such innovation or schemes and to identify opportunities for 'modal shift' taking timber off the roads and onto rail or sea alternatives.

6. David Connolly said that an exercise had been carried out for the whisky industry within HITRANS. Over 75% of the country's distilleries were located within this area and the industry was aware of the impact it made upon the HITRANS transport network and of the working restraints the network in turn place upon them. The report considered how best to use the current transport links as well as the potential for the increased of both rail

and waterborne freight. The Study has created tool to forecast the impact on the transport network of an increase in production. Modal shift from road to rail and sea was also considered. A working group is to be set up by the Freight Transport Association to help facilitate this.

7. The report (25 MB) and is available via a disc upon request by Group members.

LORRY PARKING SUB-GROUP

8. Phil Flanders said that the information gathering part of the process of this exercise was complete. A draft report had been completed and circulated to ScotFLAG members at the meeting in March of this year for information. The final report will be published in the Autumn.

Action: Phil Flanders to present the lorry parking report to the ScotFLAG meeting in September.

CLIMATE CHANGE SUB-GROUP

9. Chris MacRae informed the Group that he would no longer be able to act as the Chair of this Sub-Group. Pam Stott stated that the original aim of the Sub-Group – to identify the industry's views on the challenges it faces as a result of climate change – had been achieved to a certain extent through the production of the Gavin Scott's presentation to ScotFLAG. It seemed an appropriate point to establish a new Group to consider next steps, perhaps involving the creation of a free online carbon saving 'toolbox'. Prior to a new group being established, Transport Scotland would investigate further how such a toolkit could be created. A report on this, together with a draft remit for a potential new sub-Group will be submitted for discussion at the next ScotFLAG meeting.

Action: Pam Stott to investigate and report back on potential online toolbox scenarios at the ScotFLAG meeting in September.

FUTURE SEMINAR

10. Jim May asked Group members to forward to him any ideas they had regarding a possible seminar to be facilitated by Transport Scotland during the Autumn for the freight industry.

Action: ScotFLAG members to inform Jim May of a theme for an Autumn seminar

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11. Phil Flanders asked if an update on winter tyres could be forwarded to ScotFLAG members.

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Action: Jim May to arrange for update to be passed on to group members.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12. The date of the next meeting will be in September 2011.