

### Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 24 January 2023 – via Teams

#### Welcome and Introductions

Secretary Alexandra Herdman introduced new policy team members Jonas Keat who will be leading on skills policy, and Jonathan Walker, Head of Cities and Infrastructure, who will also be taking on the role of secretary to the North of England Freight Council.

Freight Council Chair was unable to attend so Secretary Alexandra Herdman chaired the meeting.

#### Minutes of last meeting

No comments or feedback from members regarding minutes from the previous council meeting.

#### Guidance on conduct of Logistics UK meetings (competition law compliance)

Members were advised to familiarise themselves with the guidance for conduct of Logistics UK meetings involving members.

#### Guest Speakers

Rachelle Forsyth-Ward and Callum Riley from Transport North East (TNE) gave a presentation on TNE's plans for the region, including a freight study that is due to start later this month. The slides from the presentation have been shared with the meeting minutes.

#### Secretary's Report

Alexandra Herdman updated members on various items including:

- Decisions taken at the last Road Council
- Updates on recent multi modal councils and working groups.

Members who wish to know more about the groups should contact the following:

Rail, Water and Air Councils: Ellis Shelton [eshelton@logistics.org.uk](mailto:eshelton@logistics.org.uk)

Warehouse Working Group: Jonathan Walker [jwalker@logistics.org.uk](mailto:jwalker@logistics.org.uk)

Customs & Trade Council and Shippers Council: Nichola Mallon [nmallon@logistics.org.uk](mailto:nmallon@logistics.org.uk)

Van Policy Working Group and Environment Working Group: Denise Beedell [dbeedell@logistics.org.uk](mailto:dbeedell@logistics.org.uk)

Innovation Working Group: Emily Wood [ewood@logistics.org.uk](mailto:ewood@logistics.org.uk)

Employment Action Group: Jonas Keat [jkeat@logistics.org.uk](mailto:jkeat@logistics.org.uk)

#### Regional Items

**Full details of regional items can be found in the policy report.**

Jonathan Walker updated members on the A66 upgrade and the Tyneside (Newcastle and Gateshead) Clean Air Zone.

#### Agenda Items

##### **A1 – Road Transport (Working Time) Regulations**

1 – Members support a system that is simpler. It was agreed that it can be difficult to understand the different rules and mistakes are often made.

2 – Retain the six hours + break rule but for those on longer shifts (see comment below).

3 – It was noted that there should be a derogation or exception for the break rule. For refuse collections, a shift may last 6.5 hours, but due to the 6 hour break rule, workers must take a break half an hour from finish instead of coming directly back to depot. It was felt it would be beneficial for employees as well as the environment to have vehicles come back under these circumstances.

Members want there to be better clarity on the rules; infringements happen due to people not being sure of the rules.

## **A2 – Trailer Registration**

1 – Members were not against registration. It was agreed that there are different standards across the sector and more accountability would be beneficial.

2 – Members were concerned about how it would be administered and the amount of time it would take up for their business/operations.

3 – One member suggested a tag might be a better solution so trailers can be tracked and an app can be used.

4 – Members agreed registering on a V5 would be sensible so it can be checked online and that going on the VOL would be a good idea as well.

## **A3 – Decarbonisation – Transitional Technologies**

1 – Lack of infrastructure – especially on the highways. New technology moves quickly and there is reticence to invest if something may become obsolete or old quickly.

2 – Government must build the infrastructure. There need to be price caps to prevent significant price hikes. Rebates were also welcomed. The technology is not available to meet current deadlines.

3 – One member explained how they are a smaller operator and do not have their own refuelling infrastructure for transitional fuels, but they utilise a refuelling site from another operator close to them. Opportunities for local businesses to share in this way could be a way of more businesses investing in transitional fuels.

## **A4 – Transport Committee Inquiry into Strategic Road Investment in England**

Members had no comments on this item.

## **AOB**

There was no further business.

## **Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 4 May

## **ATTENDANCE LIST**

Alison Senior

John Thirling

Ian Bell

Richard Brunton

David Mcghin

Iain Peverall

Kevin Elliot

Jonathan Walker – Logistics UK

Jonas Keat – Logistics UK

Alexandra Herdman – Logistics UK

Callum Riley – Transport North East

Rachelle Forsyth-Ward – Transport North East