

## Road Council Minutes

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### Minutes of the meeting held on 09 February at Marriott County Hall

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**ROAD/23/01 Chair's Welcome**

Apologies were received and noted.

**ROAD/23/02 Meeting conduct and competition law compliance**

Council was directed to the relevant page in the Policy Report.

**ROAD/23/03 Minutes and matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 November were adopted. There were no matters arising.

**ROAD/23/04 Council Elections****Chair**

James Adcroft from Tesco was elected as Chair, from following meeting, for a period of two years.

**Vice Chairs**

Bob Sands (Prompt Training); Kevin Barcroft (CMS Supatrak); David Brown (MRCT) were elected as Vice Chairs.

**Guest Speaker Richard Turfitt – Senior Traffic Commissioner**

STC described to members the role of STC, the skills required to be a Traffic Commissioner and recalled that the job is outlined in the published Statutory Documents, which are not designed to be an absolute guide, but which set out the parameters within which they work. TCs need to be able to respond to changes in law, due to appeals, but warned by appeals from complicated cases sometimes makes for bad law.

Operators should not look to OTC for all answers, but should seek advice from others, i.e. Logistics UK MAC.

Questions relate to continuation of the restricted licence; quality of maintenance service providers; Statutory Documents consultation and 'first use inspections' (STC says this will be amended); greater number of incentives for compliant operators.

Members also held a discussion on the acute shortage of technicians and how this posed a serious threat to viability of the sector. This role is on Shortage Occupation List and some members are looking to South Africa, but more training needs to be undertaken domestically.

**ROAD/23/05 Personnel update and Secretary's Report**

Members were updated on new policy team following extensive period of recruitment.

There was also updates on Generation Logistics; Drivers Hours review; TfL Direct Vision Standard; Driver CPC review; Budget submission; Transport Select Committee's inquiry into RIS; MOT Test extension consultation.

**ROAD/23/06 Retained EU Law Bill – discussion with the Department for Transport**

Members were updated on passage of Bill through Parliament and on its potential impact to the logistics sector, given the European origin of many rules governing logistics.

DfT informed members a new Brexit Opportunities Department has been established in the reformed Department for Business and it will contact David Wells to consult.

The Bill contains potential for changes to legislation up to 2026, rather than end of 2023, should a Minister decide to extend sunset clause.

Members requested to see the list of laws affected, to sense check them to see if anything was missing or required sun setting. Members raised concerns that government officials might not understand what is important to industry and could allow something to change that could cause serious harm to the sector.

Members would be keen to hear from officials in the new Brexit Opportunities Department at a following Road Council.

**ROAD/23/07 Trailer registration**

Members were given an overview of what regional Councils discussed. The position of Logistics UK could still be changed in future, but the status quo of no trailer registration scheme remains the current policy position.

**ROAD/23/08 Decarbonisation – Transitional Technologies**

Members discussed the calls made in the Budget submission and the next steps that are needed for transitional technologies. The situation with hydrogen still needs to be resolved as it reduces emissions but does not reduce carbon, as the availability of green hydrogen is restricted.

Members agreed that attention still needs to be focussed on today, as well as near future, as there is still action that can be taken now, and eyes need to be kept on European Union and the vehicle manufacturers.

**ROAD/23/09 Any Other Business**

Nothing was raised

**ROAD/23/10 Date and time of next meeting**

Thursday 8 June 2023 at the London Marriot County Hall, SE1 7PB.

**Attendees**

Allison Kemp (Chair)	A.I.M. Commercial Services Ltd.
Andrew Woolfall	Backhouse Jones
James Adcroft	Tesco
Carl Hughes	Hughes Driver Training
Kevin Barcroft	CMS Supatrak
Ian Jarman	Owens Group
James Andrews	Maritime Transport Ltd.
Colin James	DPD
Dave Rowlands	Wincanton
Lee McGuinness	Crown Worldwide

Paul Needle  
Peter Staines  
Jerry Ward  
Simon Parsons  
Mark Sutcliffe  
David Higginson  
David Wilson  
Simon Allitt  
David Brown  
John Burridge  
Bob Sands  
Karl Wilshaw  
Chris Paul  
Alex Mcphee  
Paul Goss  
Adam Purshall  
Norman Harding  
Justin Laney  
Mark Smith  
John Walter  
Ben Hodgson  
David Owen

**Logistics UK staff**

Chris Yarsley  
David Wells  
Phil Roe  
Kate Jennings  
Ben Garrett  
Jonathan Walker  
Josh Fenton  
Molly Brooks

Smith & Sons (Bletchington) Ltd.  
M and S Transport Temperature Control  
John Lewis Partnership  
Tuffnells  
Marshall Fleet Solutions  
Archer Daniel Midland  
DW Consultancy  
AB Agri Ltd.  
MRCT  
Turners (Soham) Ltd.  
Prompt Training  
Travis Perkins  
EH Smith Builders Merchants  
JW Suckling Transport Ltd.  
Thames Water  
Menzies Distribution  
London Borough of Hackney  
John Lewis Partnership  
Aldi Stores Ltd.  
Vanguard Retail Ltd.  
DHL  
Royal Mail

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President  
Director - Policy  
Dep. Director – Public Affairs  
Head of Policy – Cities and Infrastructure  
Policy Manager  
Member Relations Manager