

Road Council Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 08 June 2023 at Marriott County Hall

ROAD/23/11 Chair's Welcome

Apologies were received and noted.

ROAD/23/12 Meeting conduct and competition law compliance

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

ROAD/23/13 Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 09 February were adopted. There were no matters arising.

Guest Speaker Alastair MacIntyre– VP UK Einride

The Council received a presentation from Swedish company Einride, following their recent establishment in the UK. Alastair MacIntyre explained how the operation worked, using fully electric vehicles.

There was a discussion following the presentation that covered the following subjects: cost nature versus current diesel rates; subsidies; haphazard city restrictions that hamper efficient operations.

ROAD/23/14 Secretary's Report

Members received updates on Longer semi-trailers; the proposal for the Commercial Vehicle Workshop Rating Scheme; ULEZ expansion in London; smart motorways; the review of the Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness; the Last Mile delivery policy position.

ROAD/23/15 MOT testing for Earned Recognition (ER) Operators

Members discussed Logistics UK's position of the 'Call for Evidence', which was subsequently submitted by Phil Lloyd.

Delegated testing was given the most support from members. There were negative comments surrounding any proposal to increase the time period between tests. Members generally agreed that ER was a significant cost to operators and that DVSA should acknowledge this and offer more incentives, of which delegated testing was the most supported.

ROAD/23/16 Traffic Commissioner Function Review

Traffic Commissioner Function Review – members discussed the DfT Function Review that made a series of recommendations for change. A proposal for a working group to be set up was raised, as members voiced concerns of micro-management creeping in; of 'activist' Traffic Commissioners (TCs) working on specialisms; increasing levels of bureaucracy at Public Inquiries (PIs).

ROAD/23/17 Compliance standards for light trailers

Council endorsed the policy position paper drafted by Phil Lloyd. There was a short discussion that covered aspects of education; the removal of the B+E requirement; proof of annual maintenance; and penalties for those who cannot prove compliance.

ROAD/23/18 Electric Vehicle Report publication

Members received a report of the recently published Electric Vehicle Report. No comments were made.

ROAD/23/19 Direct Vision Standard – phase 2

Members were given an update on the progress of discussions with TfL on phase 2 of the DVS.

ROAD/23/20 Any Other Business

- Launch of the Executive Membership
- DfT study on COVID-19 support for industry
- Lower Thames Crossing promotional support video - filming

ROAD/23/21 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 9 November 2023 at One Birdcage Walk, SW1.

Attendees

James Adcroft (Chair)	Tesco
Norman Harding	London Borough of Hackney
Carl Hughes	Hughes Driver Training
Nick Graham	Stobart
Kevin Barcroft	CMS Supatrak
Dave Rowlands	Wincanton
John Walter	Vanguard Retail
Colin James	DPD
Pip Bains	Linkline Transport
Andrew Woolfall	Backhouse Jones
Allison Kemp	A.I.M. Commercial Services Ltd.
Jerry Ward	John Lewis Partnership
Paul Goss	Thames Water
David Wilson	DW Consultancy
James Andrews	Maritime Transport Ltd.
David Owen	Royal Mail
Bob Sands	Prompt Training
David Brown	MRCT
Mark Sutcliffe	Marshall Fleet Solutions
John Burridge	Turners (Soham) Ltd.
Karl Wilshaw	Travis Perkins
Peter Staines	M and S Transport Temperature Control
Mark Smith	Aldi Stores Ltd.

Logistics UK staff

Chris Yarsley	Secretary
David Wells	Chief Executive

Phil Roe

Kate Jennings

Jonathan Walker

Denise Beedell

President

Director - Policy

Head of Policy – Cities and Infrastructure

Senior Policy Manager