Minutes of the meeting held at Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford

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| **Chair** |  |
| Peter Woodhouse | Stone King – Chair |
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| **Council member** |  |
| Paul Willis | Gregory Distributions Ltd. |
| Mark Forster | Biffa |
| Mark Davis | Ford Fuels Ltd. |
| Lois Robinson | Dave Robbins Transport Consultants |
| Peter Peach | Day Group Ltd |
| Mark Hope | Ab Agri Ltd. |
| David Cormack | Bradfords Building Supplies Ltd. |
| Mick Wallis | Bath & North East Somerset Council |
| Mark Hope | Bath & North East Somerset Council |
| Louise Barnes | Wessex Water |
| Dave Robbins | Dave Robbins Transport Consultants |
| Martin Caddick | Bradfords Building Supplies Ltd. |
| Martin Ware | Bath & North East Somerset Council |
| Lee Horrocks  Mark Karkeek  James White | Truronian Coaches  South West Water  Gregory Distributions Ltd. |
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| **Logistics UK** |  |
| Jonas Keat |  |
| Michelle Gardner  Josh Fenton |  |
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| **Guest Speakers** |  |
| Kevin Rooney | Traffic Commissioner for the West of England |
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**Competition Law compliance**

Members were directed to the Competition Law compliance statement in the Policy Report.

**Matters arising from UK Modal Councils and Working groups**

Members were given updates on the modal Councils and working groups.

**Secretary’s Report**

Members were given an update on the following issues:

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| * Autumn Statement | * Direct Vision Standard (DVS) |
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**External Presentation – Traffic Commissioner for the West of England, Kevin Rooney**

The Traffic Commissioner gave members updates on key topics such as the future role of traffic commissioners, load security, insolvency, and bridge strikes.

Among some of the key issues raised by members to the Traffic Commissioner:

* Vehicle technicians are a particular issue for southwest-based members at present, as there are not enough locally to meet demand.
* In relation to driver CPC, members noted that this training is often better when conducted in person, particularly for newer drivers. However, refresher courses are fine to be delivered online.

**Regional Items – A303 Stonehenge tunnel update and 20mph speed limit in Wales**

Members were informed of UNESCO’s statement on the A303 Stonehenge tunnel plans, and accepted that this is no longer a policy which we can influence.

Members were also asked about their experiences moving goods in and out of Wales since the introduction of default 20mph speed limits on certain roads. Members who do so claimed that they are not currently experiencing any serious problems, but that time will tell when police start enforcing the speed limit strictly and fines start being issues.

**A1 – Windsor Framework & Border Target Operating Model**

Members were given an update on the Windsor Framework and the Border Target Operating Model. Given that none of the members in the room currently trade within the EU, no views noted on this topic.

**A2 – Parking restrictions**

On the whole, members agreed that Logistics UK’s policy should be against these types of parking restrictions. Members have 24-hour operations and having an engineer in the middle of the night at home is essential. Members think that we should push back against house builders / housing associations on this issue.

**A3 – Statutory role for Fleet Engineers**

Members are of the belief that regardless of the changes that come with automation, you will always need a person there to manage a fleet. While we may see pockets of automated vehicles, general scepticism in the room about how far that will go.

Some members believe that having a statutory fleet engineer would be good because it is a specialist role with a specialist skillset. Others felt that while this would be helpful, implementing a statutory requirement would be too costly for smaller operators.

The overall view was therefore that a clear line must be drawn in terms of what size fleets will require a statutory fleet engineer – larger fleets should have them, but smaller ones simply can’t afford it.

**A4 – Schengen Immigration Restrictions**

Similarly to A1, members were not affected by this issue and therefore did not have a view.

**AOB**

* No AOB raised.

**Date of next meeting**

* Tuesday 16 January 2024