

## Yorkshire and Humberside Freight Council Minutes

Thursday 26 January 2023, 12.15 – 16.00  
Tankersley Manor Hotel, Barnsley, S75 3DQ

### INTRODUCTION

- The meeting was chaired by Simon Allitt, AB Agri Ltd.
- The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
- A member roundtable to conduct introductions took place.
- Members were reminded about the competition law compliance guidance on page 4 of the Policy Report.

### UK MODAL COUNCILS & SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Members received a report from the Road Council meeting held on 3 November 2022 and updates from the Rail, Water and Air Councils, forums and working groups. Members were also updated on the progress of other issues including the Senior Traffic Commissioner's clarification around the specifying of vehicles on VOL; the Guide to Maintaining Roadworthiness; Direct Vision Standard phase 2; the UK Government's Chief Medical Officer's report on air quality, the new Policy Team structure and relocation of Leamington Spa office to Cubbington in Coventry.
- On DVS, it was noted it would be helpful to have evidence on what has worked under the scheme.
- Members highlighted that it would be useful for meeting dates to be shared further in advance, as this would help encourage wider attendance. The Waste and Utilities WG was highlighted as a specific example.

**ACTION:** Logistics UK to share meeting dates through enews and other channels.

### REGIONAL ITEMS

Members were updated on the Sheffield Clean Air Zone, which commences on 27 February 2023.

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### ROAD TRANSPORT (WORKING TIME) REGULATIONS

Views were sought from members on the Road Transport (Working Time) Regulations 2005, which implement European Directive 2002/15/EC, and limit the total amount of work (driving and other work) that can be carried out by drivers in-scope of the retained EU drivers' hours rules. This piece of legislation is specific to mobile workers who were excluded from the main horizontal Working Time Directive:

- Members agreed the regulations need to be reformed and should be rationalised into a single set of rules.
- Members noted trying to monitor compliance currently is difficult.
- The 6-hour rule helps protect workers and maintain high safety standards.
- Members agreed there should be a consultation on simplification.

#### TRAILER REGISTRATION

Members views were sought on the subject of trailer registration, which has been mooted regularly, despite there being no mandatory requirement for trailers used solely within the UK to be registered:

- There was no consensus about whether it should be introduced.
- Members noted there are ways to track trailers now if it is needed.
- Members felt evidence was needed of a problem before anything was taken forward.
- Members felt a database was needed so an operator can check C number now.

#### DECARBONISATION – TRANSITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

Members discussed the third topic for the net zero standing agenda item at Freight Councils. Feedback was sought on transitional fuels and technologies that can support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) on the journey to net zero by 2050:

- Members noted the GHG savings that could be achieved now through HVO but it is cost prohibitive. Members felt it should be discounted. There was recognition of the challenge around this and fuel supply if everyone looked to move to HVO.
- Members noted previous issues around vehicle warranty and certain fuels.
- On hydrogen, members were interested in the future use of hydrogen, particularly for heavier HGVs but there is no infrastructure.
- Members discussed vehicle range and the differences between BEVs and hydrogen.
- Members noted vehicle lead times still an issue, even for diesel vehicles, which is impacting fleet renewal.

#### **TRANSPORT COMMITTEE INQUIRY INTO STRATEGIC ROAD INVESTMENT IN ENGLAND**

To shape Logistics UK's response to the House of Commons Transport Committee call for evidence on how well Government/National Highways has managed strategic road investment under RIS2 and what the priorities should be for future investment, members were asked to provide their views.

- Members noted the M162 interchange was an issue. Also, M1 has two lanes shut.
- J29 was highlighted as having massive delays and the M60 link road was a particular pinch point, members noted. The A66 was another road highlighted as problematic by members.
- Another wider issue highlighted by members was the lack of truck parking.

**ACTION:** Members to feedback any further comments to Jonathan Walker on [jwalker@logistics.org.uk](mailto:jwalker@logistics.org.uk).

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Michelle Gardner (MG) highlighted the Freight Council needed a new Chair. Simon Allitt, as Vice Chair, had put his name forward to become permanent Chair. Members voted in favour of this motion.