

Greater London Freight Council minutes

Thursday 12 October 2023

09:30 – 12:30

Worshipful Company of Carmen, 186 Fleet Street, EC4A 2HR.

INTRODUCTION

- Norman Harding opened the meeting.
- The minutes of the last meeting were approved.
- Members were reminded by the Secretary about the competition law compliance guidance.

Secretary's report

- Members discussed guidance issued following the end of the longer semi-trailer trial and gave their reaction in advance of possible DfT changes. Key message was that the trial proved safety argument and new guidance was onerous for operators.

GUEST SPEAKER – SIMON CODERY – PLACES FOR LONDON (TfL's property company)

- Places for London is TfL's property company that manages the land assets of TfL and owns more land than any other entity in London, approximately 8000 sites, with a significant number of underutilised car parks in Zones 2-6.
- The presentation was an overview of the project that will look at using TfL as location for public charge points for commercial vehicles, notably vans, with 5 sites in the first tender at LHR; Canning Town; Hatton Cross; East Finchley; Park Royal.
- The plan will be a joint venture plan over 30 years, which should remove the worry about different charging companies coming to the market, and give long-term planning opportunities. Charging equipment will be considered from a 5-7 replacement cycle but the grid connections will be made permanent. This plan will be fully aligned with TfL's micro hub strategy, once the joint venture has been shown to be a success.
- There was a discussion with members following the presentation that covered aspects involving leasehold properties; fire risk with EVs; availability of sufficient energy in the local area.

GUEST SPEAKER – IAN WAINWRIGHT, CHRIS STURMAN – CILT CONSULTANTS

- Members received a presentation from the CILT on a call for evidence they are hosting on kerbside access issues, with the aim to raise this issue within the minds of decision-makers across the whole of London.
- The survey on kerbside access can be completed here <https://fs4.formsite.com/cltdiI/hdnrmuozb1/index>
- Members are urged to complete this survey to give as much information as possible to the researchers.

GUEST SPEAKER – ANDY LUCK – LONDON COUNCILS

- Andy Luck was ill and not able to present the PCN consultation that London Councils was running, so the presentation was given to members in his absence.

GUEST SPEAKER – EMILY HARDY – BRIGADE ELECTRONICS

- Brigade Electronics gave members a report on the latest on the introduction of Phase 2 of the Direct Vision Standard by TfL. Logistics UK staff updated members on the latest lobbying that had taken place between the associations and TfL/London Councils.

AGENDA ITEMS

A1 Windsor Framework and Targeted Border Operating Model

- As tabled, no discussion.

A2 Parking restrictions

- As tabled, no discussion.

A3 Schengen Immigration restrictions

- As tabled, no discussion.

A4 Statutory role for Fleet Engineers

- Members held a discussion on the proposals for a statutory role for fleet engineers that had been developed out of Logistics UK Engineering Forums.
- There was a significant discussion between members on this point, with the Transport Manager CPC coming under the spotlight as to whether it fully reflects the requirements that a TM needs in their day-to-day work.
- The implications for small fleets, usually with an external TM, was raised as a point that would need consideration.
- The item was to be agreed at the following meeting of Road Council, so Phil Lloyd was sent a full review of all member comments made during the discussion.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Members were given an update on discussions that have taken place with London Councils on possible future changes to the London Lorry Control Scheme.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- Tuesday 23 January 09:30 – 13:00 (finishing with lunch). Location to be confirmed.

ATTENDEES

Chair

Norman Harding LB Hackney

Members

John Saunders Constantine Ltd.

Sarah Bell UPS

Tony Lenihan Wilson James Ltd.

Attehea Iqbal Wilson James Ltd.

Vlad Lakvell LB Tower Hamlets

Sarah Maxwell City of London

David Wilson DW Consultancy

Jerry Ward JLP

Michael Colbourne Veolia Ltd.

Rob Gwyn Volta Trucks

Mark Owen
Steve James
Ben Hodgson
James Adcroft

Murphy Plant
FM Conway
DHL
Tesco

Guest Speakers

Ian Wainwright
Chris Sturman
Simon Cordery
Emily Hardy

CILT
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Places for London
Brigade Electronics

Logistics UK

Chris Yarsley
Kate Jennings
Phil Roe
Dom Fawls

Secretary
Director of Policy
President
Membership