

## **UK Network Management Board meeting held on 13 October 2017 at the Traffic Control Centre, South Queen**

### **In attendance (Board members)**

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| Mark Kemp                           | Chairman; Buckinghamshire County Council representing The Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport (ADEPT) |
| Martin Low (by phone)               | Past Chairman; representing The Local Government Technical Advisers Group (TAG)  |
| Wayne Duerden                       | DfT  |
| Satbir Gill                         | Network Manager, Hounslow Highways, representing TAG   |
| Colin Jones                         | Welsh Government   |
| Graeme Salmon (for Philip Robinson) | Infrastructure Northern Ireland  |
| Stewart Leggett                     | Transport Scotland   |
| Ewan Wallace                        | Aberdeenshire Council, representing SCOTS  |
| Freda Rashdi                        | Highways England   |
| Justin Ward                         | CIHT (Secretariat)   |

### **In attendance**

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| Alan Kraven     | TAG President      |
| Andrew Davidson | Transport Scotland |
| Gordon Wright   | Jacobs             |
| James Gibson    | Welsh Government   |
| Stein Conway    | Transport Scotland |

### **1. Welcome, introduction and apologies**

Mark Kemp welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Presentation on the Queensferry Crossing**

Gordon Wright gave a presentation on the Queensferry Crossing, this was followed by a site visit to the new bridge.

### **3. Transport Scotland's Future ITS Strategy**

Andrew Davidson, National Operations Manager at Transport Scotland (TS) gave an overview of the new Transport Scotland ITS Strategy.

Andrew noted the benefits of hosting the ITS European Conference in Glasgow as this enabled Transport Scotland to connect internationally and since then TS have been developing thinking further around what they need to do. TS have sought input from customers. Martin Low asked about autonomous vehicles, Andrew noted this was a reserved area in terms of licensing and regulations but was an area of clear interest. Andrew also highlighted the new Traffic Scotland mobile website [my.trafficscotland.org](http://my.trafficscotland.org)

There were some questions on asset condition and steady state.

Satbir Gill asked about gritting and Stewart Leggett replied saying that focus on winter service research was on the use of brine only treatment. Transport Scotland moved to pre-wet a number of years ago. As TS are actively involved with the World Road Association, the UK found that the use of liquids (brine only) was used in Europe and North America. Stewart said that this is being considered for 5G contracts as such a treatment is seen to be more resilient, faster acting, clearer, and more environmentally friendly. Satbir then asked if the new Queensferry Cross was heated, to which Stewart said it wasn't.

#### **4. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes were noted as accurate. The Board agreed that greater engagement with the National Traffic Managers' Forum would be useful.

**Action: Mark Kemp to have a discussion with the National Traffic Managers' Forum on how to work more closely (for instance on work on postcodes and routing)**

#### **5. UK Roads Liaison Group**

The Board highlighted the work on data and security. The Board noted the issues on security and that a lot of measures would fit with the Board's agenda. Hostile vehicle mitigation (HVM) and urban realm issues were highlighted.

**Action: Invite CPNI to the next meeting to consider physical and digital security issues**

#### **6. UKRLG Business Plan**

The Board noted the Asset Management Board and focused on objectives around data. They also noted wider economic appraisal and links to DCLG and other bodies. Issues such as promoting housing growth and economic growth and issues around managing traffic. One challenge the Board noted was around incremental development and adverse impacts on the transport network.

**Action: Mark Kemp to raise at UKRLG to confirm if UKNMB has a focus on addressing the integration of planning and transport**

#### **7. Draft UK Network Management Board Business Plan**

The Board took account of the latest draft.

**Action: All members provide comments on the UKNMB draft Business Plan**

There was a discussion about the road safety risks of using mobile phones whilst driving. Colin Jones noted that that in Wales 'operation snap' sought use cameras for enforcement for offences.

#### **8. Publication of Statutory Notices**

Colin Jones raised this issued. The Board noted the previous work undertaken when Derek Turner was Chair of the Board (see here: <http://www.ukroadsliaisongroup.org/en/UKRLG-and-boards/uk-network-management-board/traffic-order-advertising.cfm>).

Following a discussion there was an options for moving forward with one being to explore a joint piece of work with the RAC Foundation.

**Action: Mark Kemp and Justin Ward to propose a piece of work on the publication of statutory notices with the RAC Foundation (and other potential joint research items)**

## **9. Highways England update – including Strategic Planning Advisory Panel**

Freda Rashdi provided a brief update on the Panel and undertook to provide a bit more information.

**Action: Freda Rashdi to share minutes and terms of reference for Highways England’s Strategic Planning Advisory Panel**

**Action: UKNMB to suggest potential representatives for the Highways England Strategic Planning Advisory Panel**

Freda Rashdi provided a more general update on Highways England noting two recent security issues and the roadworks strategy (where early indications are that the 60mph speed restrictions were going very well). Freda also mentioned the review of DMRB. Wayne Duerden noted on DRMB that this would have implications for local road networks – for instance with signing. Martin Low added the issue of managing pedestrians at roadworks.

**Action: Mark Kemp to highlight concerns on the DMRB review from the perspective of the local road network**

## **10. Any other business**

Wayne Duerden noted a couple of consultations – one on Lane Rental and one on the Accessibility Action Plan. Satbir Gill noted that Nick Tyler, Chadwick Professor of Civil Engineering should be involved as an expert for the work on the Accessibility Action Plan.

[To listen to an interview with Nick Tyler - <http://www.ciht.org.uk/en/media-centre/webinars/previous-podcasts/podcast-people-and-their-interactions-with-the-environment.cfm>].

Justin Ward noted that CIHT members could help contribute to both responses and Martin Low said he would offer input to the Lane Rental Consultation.

Mark Kemp concluded the meeting by thanking Stewart Leggett and his team from Transport Scotland for hosting the meeting.

The meeting was followed by a tour of the Traffic Control Centre by Stein Conway.

## **11. Date of next meeting**

Dates for 2018 TBC