



Logistics & Freight Forum
Tuesday 21st November 2023, 1.30pm
Microsoft Office Teams

In Attendance:

Cllr Colin Davidson (Chair) (CD)	Fife Council
Cllr Scott Arthur (SA)	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Danny Aston (DA)	City of Edinburgh Council
Cllr Jenny Linehan (JL)	Scottish Borders Council
Cllr John McMillan (JM)	East Lothian Council
Cllr Colin Cassidy (Cllr C)	Midlothian Council
Brian Butler (BB)	SEStran
Keith Fiskin (KF)	SEStran
Michael Melton (MM)	SEStran
Nikki Boath (NB)	SEStran
Rachael Murphy (NB)	SEStran
Paul Davison (PD)	AECOM
Elliot Bayley (EB)	AECOM
Kevin Collins (KC)	Falkirk Council
Christopher Cox (CC)	Falkirk Council
Ian Buchanan (IB)	City of Edinburgh Council
Emin Akgun (EA)	Napier University
Jo Edmenson (JE)	P D Ports
Douglas Norris (DN)	CILT UK
David Prescott (DP)	Allan Rail
Doreen Steele (DS)	NCM
Simon Hindshaw (SW)	NCM
Ian Budd (IB)	Friends of the Far North
Jane Findlay (JF)	Fife Council
Emma Gilmour (EG)	Fife Council
Jaimey Brown (JB)	Hydrotrux
Mike Birch (MB)	NTBCC

Apologies:

Cllr Robin Lawson	Fife Council
Cllr Jane Cox	Scottish Borders Council
Ewan Doyle	Scottish Borders Council
Rose Tweedale	Transport Scotland
Andrew Sim	Fife Council

Ref.		Actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	Cllr Davidson welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were noted as above. KF introduced 2 new members of the SEStran team – Michael Melton, Programmes Manager and Rachael Murphy, Strategy Manager.	

2.	Minutes of last meeting	
	<p>The minutes of the last meeting were approved.</p> <p>Matters arising from last minutes:</p> <p><u>GO Forth Freight Study Update</u> KF to contact Frank Roach to discuss waste flows.</p>	KF
3.	GO Forth Freight Strategy Update	
	<p>KF presented the slides (more info: https://sestran.gov.uk/projects/regional-freight-study/)</p> <p>KF explained that approval has been received to move to the final stage of the appraisal which is the Detailed Options Appraisal. As a result, KF said that work has begun with AECOM and the process needs to be completed by March 2024.</p> <p>KF explained the background and the approach to the Freight Study.</p> <p>KF handed over to PD at AECOM who explained the initial findings, requirement for change, scope for change and requirement for intervention.</p> <p>PD provided a timeline of dates for Detailed Options Appraisal.</p> <p>KF requested that members who wish to engage in this stage of the appraisal should contact KF at keith.fisken@sestran.gov.uk or Paul Davison paul.davison@aecom.com.</p> <p>A discussion followed and JB offered to share information with AECOM in relation to Urban Rail Ports.</p> <p>KC also mentioned that Falkirk have recruited a consultant for Case for Change for transport. This project links with the Greenport in which freight will form a large part. KC expressed that early engagement with SEStran is important as SEStran will be a major stakeholder in this project. KF/PD will follow up with KC.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>JB</p> <p>KF/PD</p>
4.	How do we transition to alternative fuels	
	<p>JB conducted her presentation.</p> <p>JB outlined Hydrotrux's company purpose and highlighted that its main goal is to support the decarbonisation of heavy goods vehicles.</p> <p>A discussion followed and JB explained that she has been in touch with individual Scottish haulage companies regarding conversion. Cllr Davidson offered to provide JB with more contacts within the haulage association. Cllr Davidson also suggested that JB come back to this Forum in a year and provide an update of the progress with haulage industry.</p> <p>IB asked if there was a possible rail application – JB confirmed that there is although JB stated the process for converting diesel engines is very expensive. JB also highlighted that hydrogen</p>	Cllr Davidson

	<p>storage has been an issue but she is currently looking into solutions.</p> <p>Cllr Davidson also offered to send an invitation to JB to visit the wind power facility at Crail.</p>	Cllr Davidson
5.	Freight Quality Partnership Discussion	
	<p>KF stressed that there is an opportunity to set goals and targets within this Forum. KF encouraged Forum members to bring ideas to help develop future projects.</p> <p>Cllr Davidson mentioned that future L&F Forum meetings could be take place face to face and also suggested visiting project sites.</p> <p>KF said he will send out a questionnaire to all Forum members to determine what projects Forum members would like to be involved in.</p> <p>DP suggested Rosyth as a topic and in particular Network Rail's responsibility to restore the branch line to use. KF will contact DP to discuss this idea.</p> <p>Cllr Davidson also suggested a site visit to Leith Docks. This will be discussed further at the next L&F Forum meeting.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>KF</p> <p>KF</p>
6.	Date of next meeting	
	The proposed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 30 th May 2024 at 2pm.	