



**Logistics & Freight Forum
Thursday 30th May 2024, 2pm
Microsoft Office Teams**

In Attendance:

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| Cllr Colin Davidson (Chair) (CD) | Fife Council |
| Cllr Robin Lawson (RL) | Fife Council |
| Cllr Danny Aston (DA) | City of Edinburgh Council |
| Cllr Tom Conn (TC) | West Lothian Council |
| Cllr Russell Imrie (RI) | Midlothian Council |
| Doreen Steele (DS) | NCM |
| Linda Bamford (LB) | NCM |
| Beth Harley-Jepson (BHJ) | SEStran |
| Keith Fiskien (KF) | SEStran |
| Michael Melton (MM) | SEStran |
| Nikki Boath (NB) | SEStran |
| Rachael Murphy (RM) | SEStran |
| Sandra Lavergne (SL) | SEStran |
| Paul Davison (PD) | AECOM |
| Kevin Collins (KC) | Falkirk Council |
| Ian Buchanan (IB) | City of Edinburgh Council |
| Jo Edmenson (JE) | P D Ports |
| Douglas Norris (DN) | CILT UK |
| David Prescott (DP) | Allan Rail |
| Lynne Mason (LM) | RHA |
| Jim May (JM) | Transport Scotland |
| John Yellowlees (JY) | |
| Stuart McLean (SM) | TRL |
| Jane Findlay (JF) | Fife Council |
| Andrew Sim ((AS) | Fife Council |
| Jacquie McArthur (JMCA) | Fife Council |
| Marianne Bull (MB) | Fife Council |
| Daniela Paddeu (DP) | University of the West of England |
| Mark Bowman (MB) | ARUP |
| Naomi Kloostra (NK) | ARUP |
| Paula Godoy (PG) | ARUP |

Apologies:

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| Cllr Jenny Linehan | Scottish Borders Council |
| Cllr Iain Whyte | City of Edinburgh Council |
| Mike Birch | NTBCC |
| Jonathan Cowie | Napier University |
| Ewan Doyle | Scottish Borders Council |

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| 1. | Welcome and Introductions | |
| | Cllr Davidson welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were noted as above. | |
| 2. | Minutes of last meeting | |
| | <p><u>Matters arising from the last minutes:</u></p> <p>KF will send out a questionnaire to all Forum members to determine what projects Forum members would like to be involved in.</p> <p>Cllr Davidson to invite Jaimey Brown to visit the wind power facility at Crail.</p> <p>The minutes were approved as a correct record.</p> | <p>KF</p> <p>Cllr Davidson</p> |
| 3. | GO Forth Freight Findings | |
| | <p>KF explained the context, timeline and background of the freight findings. KF highlighted the 3 project options. PD outlined the detailed option appraisal methodology and described in detail the 3 options. PD explained the economic benefits, risk and uncertainty and monitoring and evaluations. KF outlined the next steps.</p> <p>Cllr Imrie highlighted that the trainline heading north of Haymarket is not electrified. KF explained that the converted passenger trains would be used within Central Belt and heavy rail multiuser trains would be diesel powered for moving freight North. KF stressed that working with Network Rail is key.</p> <p>Cllr Lawson asked what discussions had taken place with parcel delivery services, Royal Mail and Network Rail. KF confirmed that discussions have taken place with Network Rail and highlighted that Haymarket has more potential for both train and tram freight as well as the Port of Leith. KF also confirmed that engagement has taken place with Fedex, DHL and Amazon in relation to tram freight.</p> <p>Cllr Aston asked about the Leith Docks branch line. KF explained that Forth Ports who have been a partner since the beginning of this study, see a lot of potential around Leith Docks. KF also mentioned SEStran has been working with the team based at Grangemouth in relation to multi user heavy freight. KF explained that SEStran has been working with commercial partners and public sector organisations to determine workflows. KF highlighted that setting up a trial and running a pilot would be a good achievement.</p> <p>DP explained that the access at Leith Docks will be a challenge. DP said that City Centre parcels delivery could be really good.</p> | |
| 4. | Access for Goods | |
| | <p>Daniela Paddeu gave her presentation. Below is the link to Triple Access Planning Handbook - Stand Alone Summary</p> <p>https://sestran.sharepoint.com/Shared%20Documents/Governance/Committee%20and%20liaison%20group%20meetings/Logistics%20&%20Freight%20Forum/2024%20Meetings/1.%2030%20May%2024/Triple%20Access%20Planning%20HANDBOOK%20-</p> | |

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| | <p>%20Standalone%20summary%20-%20Final%20-18-03-24%20-%20English.pdf</p> <p>Below is the QR code for the Handbook https://sestran.sharepoint.com/Shared%20Documents/Governance/Committee%20and%20liaison%20group%20meetings/Logistics%20&%20Freight%20Forum/2024%20Meetings/1.%2030%20May%2024/TAP%20Handbook%20QR%20Code.png</p> <p>IB provided a link for Triple Access Planning https://uwe-repository.worktribe.com/output/11751967</p> <p>Daniela Paddeu provided her email address if any Forum members would like to contact her daniela.paddeu@uwe.ac.uk.</p> | |
| 5. | Space for Cargo Bike for last-mile logistics | |
| | <p>PG & NK jointly presented their project research.</p> <p>20240530 Presentation Cargobikes SEStran.pdf</p> <p>KF will share the study with local authority planners and transportation employees within SEStran region.</p> <p>Cllr Lawson asked how many cargo bikes are operating in a Dutch city. PG & NK will investigate this.</p> <p>RM shared a link to a report about white van cities https://www.urbantransportgroup.org/system/files/general-docs/White%20Van%20Cities.pdf</p> | <p>KF</p> <p>PG & NK</p> |
| 6. | UK Cargo Bike Summit Update | |
| | <p>BHJ provided a verbal update and provided the slides from the Conference and presentations: https://www.cargobikesummit.uk/programme-2024</p> <p>BHJ then explained the role cargo bikes could play within the SEStran region.</p> <p>Cllr Davidson suggested that Forum members be informed of the date of the next Cargo Bike Summit meeting in 2025.</p> | BHJ |
| 7. | Suggestions for topics at future meetings | |
| | <p>If any Forum members have suggestions for topics for discussion or would like to present a topic at future meetings, please contact Keith Fiskén – keith.fisken@sestran.gov.uk</p> | |
| 8. | Date of Next Meeting | |
| | Date of Next Meeting - 21 st November 2024 | |