



**Logistics & Freight Forum**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024, 2pm**  
**Microsoft Office Teams**

**In Attendance:**

Cllr Derek Glen (DG)	Fife Council
Cllr Ian Cameron (IC)	Fife Council
Cllr James Leslie	Fife Council
Cllr John McMillan	East Lothian Council
Cllr Tom Conn (TC)	West Lothian Council
Doreen Steel (DS)	NCM
Geoff Duke (GD)	NCM
Linda Bamford (LB)	NCM
Paul Garner (PG)	NCM
Simon Hindshaw (SH)	NCM
Keith Fisken (KF)	SEStran
Nikki Boath (NB)	SEStran
Rachael Murphy (RM)	SEStran
Rebecca Smith (RS)	SEStran
Sarah Junik (SJ)	SEStran
Lukas Princ (LP)	HiTrans
Kevin Collins (KC)	Falkirk Council
David Prescott (DP)	Allan Rail
Akshay Puthiya-Kokillam (AKP)	Fife Council
Andrew Sim ((AS)	Fife Council
Matthew Roberts (MR)	Fife Council
Ewan Doyle (ED)	Scottish Borders Council
Jim May (JM)	Transport Scotland
Rose Tweedale (RT)	Transport Scotland
Nick Gallop	InterModality

**Apologies:**

Cllr Jenny Linehan	Scottish Borders Council
Jane Findlay	Fife Council
Mike Birch	NTBCC
Ian Budd	FOFNL
Geoff Lippitt	PD Ports

Ref.		Actions
1.	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	
	<p>KF welcomed members to the meeting and apologies were noted as above.</p> <p>KF highlighted that SEStran has appointed Cllr Sally Pattle as the new SEStran Chair as Cllr Davidson has stepped down.</p> <p>KF thanked Cllr Colin Davidson for chairing the Logistics &amp; Freight Forum and this was seconded by DP. KF explained that a new Chair for Logistics &amp; Freight Forum will be discussed at the next SEStran Partnership Board and the appointed Chair will be in place for the next Forum's meeting.</p>	
2.	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>	
	<p><b>Matters arising from the last minutes:</b></p> <p><b>Space for Cargo Bike for last-mile logistics</b>  DP raised the point of removal of toilet facilities by local authorities. DP highlighted the importance of cargo bike riders having access to such facilities. KF said this will be noted and discussed with local authorities.</p> <p><b>UK Cargo Bike Summit Update</b>  No date for next Summit meeting has been confirmed. KF will check with Beth Harley-Jepson (SEStran) and will update at next Logistics &amp; Freight Forum meeting in 2025.</p> <p><b>Suggestions for topics at future meetings</b>  If any Forum members have suggestions for topics for discussion or would like to present a topic at future meetings, please contact Keith Fiskin – <a href="mailto:keith.fiskin@sestran.gov.uk">keith.fiskin@sestran.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The minutes were approved as a correct record.</p>	<p><b>KF</b></p> <p><b>KF</b></p> <p><b>Forum Members</b></p>
3.	<b>Regional Transport Strategy – Actions for Freight</b>	
	<p>RM provided a refresh of RTS freight policies, the challenges identified in the RTS and how this will shape SEStran's approach.</p> <p>RM provided an update on RTS Delivery Plan and highlighted this has been developed in collaboration with colleagues at City Region Deal.</p> <p>RM asked all Forum members to contact her with any specific ideas – <a href="mailto:Rachael.murphy@sestran.gov.uk">Rachael.murphy@sestran.gov.uk</a></p> <p>DP and Cllr Mcmillan would like to discuss Continental links.</p>	<p><b>DP/KF/RM</b></p>

4.	<b>Horizon Fusion Project</b>	
	<p>KF explained that SEStran, in partnership with European partners, submitted an EU (European Union) Horizon project proposal in September. The FUSION (Freight and Urban System Integration for Optimised Networks) project, if approved for funding, will focus on developing solutions and pilots to optimise urban transport networks through innovative synchro- and co-modality approaches, integrating complementary modes of transport to enhance efficiency and sustainability. Feedback is expected from the EU Commission in January 2025.</p> <p>NG happy to share outcomes of trial between Amazon and Great Western Railway in 2021 filling a coach with parcels from Swansea to Paddington on a 125mph Hitachi train.</p>	<b>NG/KF/RM</b>
5.	<b>Sustainable Aviation Technologies for Freight and Logistics</b>	
	<p>LP introduced his slides and provided some background to the pilot projects to aid aviation decarbonisation. LP provided information regarding the 2 types of drones in the study, their configurations and the type of freight these vehicles could carry.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the viability of an air route between Fife and Leith. LP explained the constraints and benefits.</p>	
6.	<b>Towards Zero Emissions - HGV</b>	
	<p>KF explained that Transport Scotland have published initial research on where en route charging and fuelling for zero emission HGVs will be needed: <b>Towards Zero Emission HGV Infrastructure in Scotland.</b></p> <p>KF will check if Heriot Watt are collecting data from traffic impact assessments. KF will follow up with AS.</p> <p>KF encouraged any interested fleets, local authorities or other interested organisations with relevant data to contact <a href="mailto:cls-info@hw.ac.uk">cls-info@hw.ac.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:karen.geekie@gov.scot">karen.geekie@gov.scot</a>.</p>	<b>KF</b>
7.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	Date of Next Meeting – to be confirmed.	