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# Low Carbon Transport Forums

Survey Outcomes

**DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION**

# Objectives

- Mapping out local and public authority networks and forums and how they could link into the existing working groups.
- Review of the provision of advice for fleets from the public purse and from the private sector;
- Reporting on a preliminary audit and gap analysis of current approaches available to fleet operators;
- Meeting with one forum and documenting their approach for one vehicle type;
- Producing and agreeing a project action plan for engagement in all areas described in Phase 2.

# Forums currently surveyed

## Forums

- **North London Waste Partnership**
- **West London Freight Quality Partnership**
- **Association of London Transport Officers**
- **SELTRANS (South-East London Transport Strategy)**
- **Chiltern Transport Consortium**
- **Core Cities**
- **Gloucester and Cheltenham Low Carbon Forum**
- **Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive**
- **Merseytravel**
- **Leaders in Supply Chain**
- **ELUPEG – A European supply chain collaborative forum**

# Hierarchy of Forums

EU Civitas



**National  
Forums**



Key driver is to reduce all climate change aspects of an operation

Concerns are transport related of which climate change is only one

**Transport  
Forums**



Main influencer  
DfT

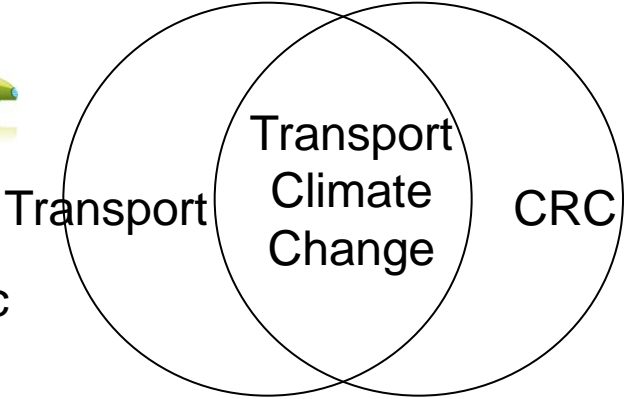
Transport and logistic activities

**Regional  
Forums**



Main Influencer  
DECC

Carbon Reduction  
Commitment  
related business activities



# National Forums

National Forums based around trade bodies, lobby groups and specific issue organisations. Examples of national forums include:

- LowCVP
- Environmental Protection UK
- Freight Transport Association (FTA)
- Road Haulage Association (RHA)
- Green Fleets
- Passenger Transport Executive (PTEG)

All these forums can act as 'Touching Points' for communication with fleets but not directly involving operational staff

# Regional forums



## What do they focus on?

The spectrum of engagement ranges from those that concentrate on all aspects of an organisation's operations (Eg – Gloucester & Cheltenham Low Carbon Partnership) through to specific transport forums (Eg Association of London Transport Officers)

## Who is involved in business forums?

The range can be from all businesses being involved – (Gloucester & Cheltenham Low Carbon Partnership) through to forums that can be restricted to public sector bodies (Thames Valley Low Carbon Partnership)

## What can these forums do?

Some involve active participation from their members, including the publication of progress and others act in an advisory capacity and not reporting on performance – E.g. Freight Quality Partnerships

All forums act as 'touching points' for information transfer

# Transport forums

## What do they focus on?

- Can be focused on transport issues specific to a locality
- More typically focused on sharing operational information between

## Who is involved?

- Typically involvement is limited to managers responsible for transport
- Regional forums can be further restricted to regional transport managers

## What is the scope of discussion?

- All aspects of transport are discussed:
  - Vehicles
  - Fuel types
  - Drivers
  - Vehicle operations
- Key drivers centre on operational performance based on cost and service
- Typically the focus is on an organisation's owned / managed activities
- No significant focus on contracted out operations, the grey fleet or personal activities

# Issues identified

- Plentiful advice available relating to transport issues but poorly signposted and not transferrable
- No link between some sustainability initiatives and the reduction of transport climate change gases;
- No clear identification of how to influence non-managed activities (e.g. taxis, buses, contracted out services)
- No clear guidance on 'grey fleet' matters
- Interaction occurs at an operational level between public-private interfaces, not clear as to the strategic discussions on transport;
- No real clarity on the 'lessons learned' by the different modes (e.g. SAFED was not transferrable)
- No clear signpost of where to find a suitable transport forum



# Conclusions

There are a large number of networks but there is no dominant approach and there is a lack of signposting and coordination. Other key findings include:

- Ensure that all national sustainability measures include transport;
- Provide guidance on how to highlight advice for non-contracted fleet activities, especially on how to include it in the procurement of services;
- Issue grey fleet guidance, building on the safety advice that has already been issued;
- Initiate a programme to contact public and private strategic decision makers but care will need to be taken around representation;
- Produce an easy 'signpost' to highlight where seek a forum, which will also benefit the forums;
- Considerable transport information is provided but in an uncoordinated way.