

APSE Scotland Transport and Mechanical advisory group

24th January 2018

Minutes from this meeting

1. Introduction and welcome

The group's secretary Emil Laiolo welcomed all to the first meeting of 2018. Emil encouraged all attendees to stay for the tour of the apprentice training facilities planned for the end of the meeting.

2. Attendance and apologies

See attached.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th October 2017

The minutes were deemed to be a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising

5. Discussions

The meeting featured a range of discussions on topics such as:

- Contracts for maintenance of vehicles such as bin lorries, articulated vehicles and trailers
- Issues with the procurement of vehicles through the Crown Commercial Services framework
- The benefits and drawbacks of different types of driver behaviour technology
- Licence checking systems, how they are improving driver accountability and how much local authorities are currently paying per check
- Driver accidents being reported through a driver's own personal insurance rather than just the Council's
- The process of drivers reporting accidents
- Partnership working between Councils and other public services / companies
- Potential truck cartel legal action from local authorities
- Current issues with DVSA's authorised testing of vehicles and the possibility in the future of doing self-certification
- CC limits for taxis and restrictions on rear access for wheelchairs
- Sharing vehicle specifications
- Issues with bulk taxing vehicles
- Digital tachograph driver cards
- Using tablets in vehicles to report issues along waste collection routes

- Recommended servicing times for minibuses

The group also gave several suggestions for the upcoming Scottish Fleet, Waste and Grounds event.

6. APSE update

Garry Lee provided a short update on the recent work of APSE, including the latest trend analysis briefings and upcoming publications, and provided dates of upcoming seminars and training events.

7. AOCB

There was no other competent business.

8. Future agenda items for the next meeting

It was agreed to keep procurement on the agenda as a standing item, and Emil Laiolo agreed to liaise with Garry Lee on several items that will be kept for the next meeting.

9. Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on 21st March 2018. The location of the meeting is currently to be confirmed.

10. Tour of the apprentice training facility

The meeting concluded with a tour of Fife Council's impressive apprentice training facility.