

## Minutes from this meeting

### 1. Introduction and welcome

The new Transport and Mechanical advisory group chair Councillor Paul O'Kane from East Renfrewshire Council welcomed the group to Bustec's depot in Bellshill. Cammy Ballantyne of Bustec also provided a short welcome and overview of Bustec's work.

### 2. Attendance and apologies

See attached.

### 3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 29 March 2017

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

### 4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

### 5. Support for local authorities – free sustainable transport audits, interest free low-carbon transport loans, research

Gordon Manson, Specialist Transport Advisor from Energy Saving Trust attended to deliver a presentation on EST.

Energy Saving Trust are an independent and impartial organisation helping people save energy, they provide consultancy for UK businesses and international companies and conduct pioneering world-renowned research.

The Transport Advice Service offers free and impartial transport consultancy service across Scotland, with average identified annual savings of £13,000 and 22 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>. They also provide help to access grants and funding.

Their key services available are: Sustainable Transport Review, Fuel Good Driver Training and Switched On At Work.

A Sustainable Transport Review can look at things such as: Fuel efficient driver training, Rev limiters, Telematics, EV / Hybrid, Fuel efficient vehicles, Cycling/public transport, Grey fleet management and Tele/video conferencing, among other things.

Gordon also provided an overview of the vehicle options available to local authorities now and in the near future, e.g. electric cars (Nissan Leaf, Renault Zoe, Hyundai Ioniq EV), vans (Nissan e-NV200, Renault Kangoo ZE, Renault Master ZE, VW e-Crafter).

Gordon provided 2 case studies which showed the benefits of switching.

1. Lothian Buses replaced a Ford Fiesta diesel van with a Nissan e-NV200 (18,000 mpa). The expected annual savings are £3,099 in fuel costs and 5 tonnes of CO2.

2. Aberdeen City Council replaced their grey fleet with a car club scheme, which leads to annual savings of £40,000 in grey fleet costs. Additional benefits are that the local community benefit from the car club, reduced admin of the council's pool fleet and car club members are able to try electric vehicles.

The company Rabbies went through EST's Fuel Efficient Driver Training, and after training they use 13% less fuel with a 15% increase in MPG. This is a potential annual saving of £54,573 in fuel costs and 97 tonnes of CO2.

Energy Saving Trust also run Switched On @ Work, an employee engagement programme designed to encourage uptake of Ultra Low Emissions Vehicles through a workshop delivered to staff that includes an electric vehicle test drive. This can be arranged for your local authority by contacting [switchedon@est.org.uk](mailto:switchedon@est.org.uk).

Gordon concluded his presentation by noting that there are big potential savings from looking at your fleet transport and for local authorities to take advantage of the free transport consultancy service. Your local Energy Saving Trust Transport Advisor can be contacted on 0800 0931 669 or at [sustainabletransport@est.org.uk](mailto:sustainabletransport@est.org.uk).

Gordon also answered questions from the group on funding, vehicle availability, grid capacity and maintenance costs.

## 6. Discussion items

Discussions were held on vehicle specifications, Scotland Excel frameworks, warranty repairs, Lightfoot, conversion work, mini comp exercises, the new tyres framework and other topics.

## 7. APSE update

Garry Lee provided an update on the current work of the Association, including the latest briefings, the recent APSE Scotland publication 'Doing local politics in Scotland', the APSE/ITN 'Redefining Neighbourhoods' programme, recent advocacy work, network queries, deadlines for Performance Networks data returns, upcoming APSE Energy and APSE Training events in Scotland, the work of APSE Solutions and upcoming Scottish and National seminars.

## 8. A.O.C.B

There was no other business.

## 9. Date of next meeting – 24 January 2018 (most likely taking place in Fife)

**Transport & Mechanical Services Group**

**13-Oct-17**

**Attendee List**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Council</b>
Paul Reid	Aberdeen City Council
William Whyte	Aberdeen City Council
Gordon Ross	Aberdeenshire Council
Ian Paisley	Aberdeenshire Council
Paul Gray	Aberdeenshire Council
Garry Lee	APSE
Pat Traynor	City of Edinburgh Council
Scott Blyth	Clackmannanshire Council
Gordon Bryce	Dumfries & Galloway Council
Kevin O'Mara	Dumfries & Galloway Council
Kenny Markwick	East Ayrshire Council
Cllr Paul O'Kane	East Renfrewshire Council
John McElhinney	East Renfrewshire Council
Lyall Rennie	East Renfrewshire Council
Patrick Taggart	Falkirk Council
Billy Ferguson	Fife Council
Danny Jack	Fife Council
Juliet Hall	Fife Council
Renny Thomson	Fife Council
Tom Henderson	Fife Council
John McWilliams	Inverclyde Council
Trevor Docherty	Midlothian Council
Liam Gibson	North Ayrshire Council
David Burnie	Renfrewshire Council
Kay Copland	Scotland Excel
John Anderson	South Lanarkshire Council
Graham Robertson	Tayside Contracts

**Apologies**

Gary McRae	Dundee City Council
Ewan Cairns	Fife Council
Graham Hodgkins	Fife Council
Jim Bradley	Inverclyde Council
Gordon Mitchell	North Ayrshire Council
John Stewart	North Lanarkshire Council
Bill Morton	Perth and Kinross
Stephanie Irvine	Scotland Excel
Bob Ritchie	Tayside Contracts
John Blake	West Dunbartonshire Council