

## Van Policy Working Group Minutes

Tuesday 13 June 2023, 10:30 – 12:30

Via Teams

### 1. WELCOME, MEETING CONDUCT, COMPETITION LAW COMPLIANCE AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was chaired by James Adcroft (JA), Transport Compliance Manager – Distribution and Fulfilment at Tesco, who welcomed members and colleagues from Logistics UK.

Denise Beedell (DB) reminded members about the competition law compliance guidance and to avoid sharing any sensitive information that is currently not in the public domain.

### 2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

- The minutes of the last meeting held on 7 February 2023 were agreed.
- The vehicle signage template from Ross Baxter would be sent to members with the slides after the meeting. There were no other matters arising.

### 3. REFOCUSING VAN POLICY - DISCUSSION

Members were asked to consider the future direction of the van policy group including its purpose, membership, format and frequency of meeting and suggested priorities. A discussion followed where members noted the van sector is growing and should continue to develop relevant policy. Support for the group to continue was confirmed and for a minimum of three times per year, most to be held online. The overlap with over working groups was noted and it was agreed that future meeting would include a standing item on the agenda to update members on the work of the Utilities Working Group.

**ACTION:** Dan Crutchington (DC) to provide an update about the Utilities WG for future meetings and for DB to reciprocate with an update on the Van Policy WG.

Members agreed the following priorities for the Van Policy WG:

- Electrification – vehicle, depot and public charging
- Regulation – alternatively fuelled vehicles weight thresholds,
- Low Traffic Neighbourhood and public highway restrictions
- Safety – driver behaviours and vehicle checks
- Environmental, social and governance for van fleets
- Driver facilities – consider specific campaign for van drivers to complement the campaign for better HGV Driver Welfare Facilities
- Van Security – consider refreshing the Van Security Report 2020

It was suggested that speakers are invited to future meetings to provide information to members about van operations that complement policy items, such as the Driving for Better Business team at National Highways. It was also suggested that colleagues from other teams within Logistics UK, such as the events team could be invited to hear feedback of van events directly from members of the group.

Laura Moran (LM) flagged a recent Home Office Bill Call for Evidence about equipment theft.

**ACTION:** LM to forward link to Equipment Theft (Prevention) Bill Call for Evidence to DB to review and consider a Logistics UK response.

**ACTION:** DB to circulate details to VPWG members.

**ACTION:** DC to circulate details to Utilities WG members.

### 4. UK POLICY UPDATE

Phil Lloyd (PL) informed members that he was talking to the Department for Transport (DfT) about weight thresholds and reported on an MOT event in July that he would be attending.

DB gave an update on:

- Electric Vehicle Report 2023
- Low Carbon Fuels Strategy
- Changes to global biomethane reporting standards
- ZEV Mandate
- Charging Zones

A discussion followed that included:

- Road User Charging and its impact on vans and their total cost of ownership.
- Media reports about the non-compliance of Glasgow council vehicle fleets following the introduction of their Low Emission Zone.

## 5. VAN MANUFACTURER'S UPDATE

Ian Dunn (ID) updated members on recent van manufacturer developments including:

- ID had attended the CV show which presented mostly electric vehicles and where Maxus were launched the E7 with a range of 226 miles. Other vehicles in the range due to come through soon.
- Iveco Daily have three power options – 37kw (which cannot be upgraded by added batteries), 74kw and 111kw. Additional batteries are £15,000 and will need to be added in the workshop.
- LEVC have a new platform that is fully electric
- 1<sup>st</sup> Hydrogen – there are 16 vehicles in the UK and one is being tested by Rivus to compare with their EVs. Stated range is 1,000km+.

Ian Wright (IW) reported on a new van offering from Logistics UK that will be available in July and more information will be sent through.

## 6. TOP VAN ENQUIRIES TO THE MAC

DC updated members on the top enquiries received at the Member Advice Centre (MAC) relating to vans, which included:

- Operator Licence
- Trailers and towing with a small vehicle
- Drivers' hours and domestic record keeping options

**ACTION:** DC to send the slides and relevant briefing notes to DB to circulate to members

## 7. VALUE THE VAN CAMPAIGN

DB updated members on a media campaign being run by Logistics UK's media to increase public awareness and appreciation on van drivers and demonstrate how vans 'deliver the summer'. The campaign will run between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July and will include case studies placed in printed and broadcast media, plus a social media campaign with dedicated webpages.

## 8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Chair of Van Policy WG** – JA indicated he was happy to continue as chair of the group but flagged that he had now completed two years in the role and reminded members that the convention with Logistics UK's other working groups and councils is to stand down after two years. DB said that discussions were taking place regarding a successor and for any interested members to contact her.
- **Events and Awards** – JA encouraged members to attend the forthcoming Next Generation Van conference on 11 July in Coventry and to seriously consider entering Logistics UK's Van Awards.

### Next meeting:

Tuesday 12 September, 10:30 – 13:00 – via Teams

Meeting finished at 12:21

## ATTENDEES

### Chair

James Adcroft

Tesco

### Members

Louise Barnes

Ross Baxter

Matthew Chappell

Kellie Davis

Chris Georgiou

Andrew Jack

Colin James

Greg Kerlake

Laura Moran

Lisa Spong

Wessex Water

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Currys Group Ltd

Morrisons

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Royal Mail

TVL Group

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### Logistics UK Staff

Katie Adams

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