

## Tactran FQP Steering Group

### Notes of Meeting held at Tactran offices, Perth on Friday 22 May 2009

<b>Present:</b>	Emily Dixon (ED)	Stirling & Tayside Timber Transport Group
	Phil Flanders (PF)	Road Haulage Association
	Michael Gale (MG)	Scottish Enterprise
	John Paterson (JP)	Montrose Port Authority
	Gavin Scott (GS)	Freight Transport Association
	Daniel Muir (DM)	Highland Spring
	Matt North (MN)	Forth Ports
	Gavin Roser (GR)	TACTRAN Board Member
	Eric Guthrie (EG)	TACTRAN
	Michael Cairns (MC)	TACTRAN
	Tom Brydone (TB)	PKC Environmental Health

**Apologies:** Jonathan Padmore                      Stirling Council

#### 1. Perth Air Quality Issues and Action Plan

TB gave a presentation on the Perth Air Quality Action Plan – copy of PowerPoint attached.

PF asked about pollution from trains – TB commented that it was not significant – using Government guidelines (TG09) values do not exceed threshold value.

MG asked how Perth compared with other areas. TB said that Atholl Street PM<sub>10</sub> levels will be 25% above the Scottish limit in 2010.

GS noted that figures quoted were from 2005 – TB replied that there is no safe level of PM<sub>10</sub>.

GS suggested that night-time curfews should be relaxed as lorries are quieter than 10 years ago – TB was aware of Planning Conditions on Perth High Street developments restricting night time deliveries and that the noise problem was not so much the lorry as loading noise – trolleys, etc.

GS commented that night time deliveries would work for large shops but not small shops which would not have staff in them – TB considered that a consolidation centre could address this.

GR said that there is a small consolidation centre in Ayr using electric vehicles.

GS asked if any changes in pollution levels had been identified with increasing use of Euro engine legislation. TB replied that pollution levels are still rising.

GS asked if the Consolidation Centre study could look at serving the increasing light van traffic.

EG stated that a consolidation centre study brief would be pulled together and circulated to the Group for comment.

GS commented that any study would need to consider subsidies for operation of a consolidation centre – the Bristol scheme and all on the Continent are subsidised.

GR stated that this could help avoid the need to expand the road network.

MG said that the study needs to consider the impact of congestion.

**ACTION** Tactran to prepare and circulate study brief (MC).

## 2. Dundee Port Railhead

MN commented that Forth Ports was keen to progress the proposal but that fundamentals needed to be sorted.

MG commented on the need to have a meeting with Scottish Government – there would be issues regarding the operator and when a Freight Facilities Grant would be drawn down – an Aberdeen application had been turned down as the operator was not moving the freight that would be coming through the development.

## 3. Perth Freight Railhead

EG commented that this was work in progress and was proving to be more complex than hoped.

EG asked if the SE Regional Advisory Board had been established – MG replied that it had not formally been set up yet.

EG considered that it would be possible to link together through the Strategic Development Plan.

## 4. Green Logistics Project

MC informed the Group of a questionnaire completed for the Westminster University Green Logistics Project funded by DfT. Any results received will be circulated to Group members.

## 5. PINOT European Project

JP queried the availability of funding for this project. It needs full investigation but is worthy of thought.

EG advised that TACTRAN would pursue with SEStran and feed back on any potential opportunities and developments.

**ACTION** Tactran to follow up with SEStran and feedback to Group (MC)

## 6. Overnight Lorry Parking Survey

MC gave a presentation on the Survey.

GS, PF and GR all welcomed the study as a positive and informative piece of work. GR itemised further issues that MC stated would be incorporated in the final version of the report.

## 7. Scottish Multi-modal Freight Study

EG asked if there was progress on this.

GS stated that it was likely to be published by the end of June.

EG suggested that further development of the Tactran Freight Action Plan be deferred to enable account to be taken of the long-awaited national study. This was agreed.

## 8. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting should be organised for September before the Board meeting on September 22

**ACTION** Tactran to circulate with possible dates for the next meeting (MC).