

UK Lighting and Technology Board minutes of meeting held on 24 June 2021

David Denner (Chair)	Welsh Government
Peter Harrison	ILP
Jonathan Hurley	Swansea Council, representing CSS Wales
Scott Denyer	Perth & Kinross Council, representing SCOTS
Keith Tovee	Essex Council, representing ADEPT
Graham Smith	HEA
Simon Langley	Highways England
Gary Ross	Department for Infrastructure Northern Ireland
Gary Kemp	Department for Transport
Dean Wendleborn	Westminster City Council, representing LoTAG
Justin Ward	CIHT

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

Apologies recorded for Bijan Bassiri from Transport Scotland.

2. Research Ideas – discuss options

David Denner explained that the Board Chairs have been asked to discuss with their boards research topics for the future. David presented a list of proposals:

Topic	Need
Training needs arising from the Competency frameworks	Are there are limited options for training competency frameworks. Are More training options are required?
Lighting Condition Data Collection	There are many alternative options for data collection coming to market. Advice on the strengths and weaknesses of the different options available would help inform authorities.
Asset Management Systems	Procurement options – Bespoke vs Off-the-Shelf. What Off-the-Shelf or modular system options are out there?
Attachments – 5G, IoT, Smart City	Legal basis for attachments, risk management.
Asset Valuation	Ensuring that there is a sustainable, on-going approach to the valuation of highways infrastructure assets that is aligned with WGA principles
Energy Procurement	Green energy, climate emergency, options for procurement
Update to Management of Electronic Traffic Equipment	Document from 2011, does this need updating or removal from UKRLG website
Well-managed highway infrastructure – updates to Part D	Update and review Part D. include EV
Working with partners, what research is ongoing, HEA, ILP, IET etc	????

Following a discussion on the proposals' members ranked the top 3 projects as follows:

- Training needs arising from the Competency frameworks
- Lighting Condition Data Collection
- Well-managed highway infrastructure – updates to Part D

Action: David Denner to propose research ideas to UKRLG from UKLTB

3. Minutes of last meeting

These were noted.

4. Minutes of UKRLG

These were noted.

5. Covid-19

The Board noted that the return to offices was underway.

6. Supply chain issues – Graham Smith

Graham Smith noted manufactures have said that when supply used to be 6 to 8 weeks delivery it could now be 6 to 8 months these days - it could even be longer than that - and it's just completely out of our control as an industry we are putting together a paper at the moment. Graham added that with the focus on investment with infrastructure now; but the industry is genuinely struggling with supply now. Cost increases were also noted as significant. Peter Harrison mentioned HS2 and issues of impacts on the supply-chain.

7. Membership

David Denner highlighted membership and it was agreed:

Action: David Denner/Peter Harrison to identify one younger member from ILP to join the Board

Action: Identify a representative from with a technology background

8. Updates from members

Members provided updates.

9. SoN report version 2,

David Denner said he had discussed this with DfT about an update and currently considering how to progress this as there is an interest in undertaking this exercise for another year.

Action: David Denner to progress with moves to deliver SoN report version 2

10. Occupational Competency – Graham Smith

Graham Smith noted this was discussed earlier as part of the research focus.

11. UKRLG update

David Denner said DfT are keen to support all the Boards and work across the four nations.

12. AOB

Simon Langley highlighted that Defra are undertaking an amendment to the Environment Bill with a reference to LEDs.

13. Date of next meeting

Next meeting will plan for hybrid meeting.