



## UK LIGHTING AND TECHNOLOGY BOARD

UK Lighting and Technology Board minutes of meeting held on 14 October 2021

### In attendance:

David Denner (Chair)	Welsh Government
Haydn Yeo	ILP
Jonathan Hurley	Swansea Council, representing CSS Wales
Keith Tovee	Essex Council, representing ADEPT
Gary Ross	Department for Infrastructure Northern Ireland
Gary Kemp	Department for Transport
Dean Wendleborn	Westminster City Council, representing LoTAG
Bijan Bassiri	Transport Scotland
Justin Ward	CIHT
Vassilis Alexakis	CIHT

### 1. Welcome, introduction and apologies

David Denner (Chair) welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked Graham Smith, representing the Industry, HEA & HEMSA for all his work for the Board.

Apologies recorded for Scott Denyer from Perth & Kinross Council, representing SCOTS.

### 2. Research – DfT have offered each board funding for research

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

Given that we are a Technology Board, regarding training, competencies should be updated and a set of qualifications to educate contractors/clients should be introduced. Sharing knowledge should be in the forefront of the Board's activities.

**Action: David Denner (Chair) to propose research ideas to UKRLG and discuss procurement**

### **3. Minutes of the last UKLTB Meeting 24 June 2021**

These were noted.

### **4. Minutes of UKRLG**

These were noted. Next meeting will be held next month in Glasgow.

### **5. COVID-19 – Lighting sector response**

- Keith Tovee mentioned that they are now working to get people back in the office, but only at 50% capacity.

- David Denner said that the Welsh Government plans to continue work from home at least until 2022.

- Gary Ross similarly stated that the Department for Infrastructure Northern Ireland, are still working from home but it is expected after Christmas to start returning in the office.

- Dean Wendleborn said that Westminster City Council have started going back to the office but on a hybrid system (3 days at the office – 2 days working from home).

- Bijan Bassiri from Transport Scotland mentioned that they have set an online booking system to book slots.

**Action: It was proposed that the Board could hold a face-to-face meeting in 2022.**

### **6. Supply chain issues**

Keith Tovee said that ADEPT have been continuing group discussions on supply chain issues. ILP highlighted that this is not only a UK issue but an overall COVID -19 issue – Rise in containers and raw materials prices increase. These concerns will not be easing out soon and they can go until 2023 before we see any normality. Moreover, Keith shared with the Board that in Essex there are delays in fuses and electronic components. The manufacturers should be kept in the loop and orders must be made a long time in advance to ensure deliveries are made promptly. The industry should inform the clients about these issues.

### **7. Updates from UKLB member organisations**

- ADEPT → Cycle by Design is in discussions. Research on electric car charging pods and how far they must be from houses is currently underway. Lastly, they are looking at a consultation on how to make streets safer for women. However, the consultation is not specifying if this is at night-time, thus not sure if lighting is relevant.

- CSS Wales → They are meeting next week so there is going to be more updates in due course. However, Jonathan mentioned that they are currently looking at issues relating to vegetation overgrowth on lamp posts especially when it is in private properties. David responded that Gary (currently on Annual Leave) can help with this and that in 2023 there is going to be a land registry project conducted.

- DfT → They are working on the Spending Review and generally trying to deal with supply chain issues
- Department for Infrastructure, NI → Gary Ross stated that they are looking at a Public Consultation relating to green way, alongside lighting signifiers. Moreover, they are looking at LED lights, which emit a red light, provide a bat friendly crossing.
- National Highways → Currently looking at funding updates to change to LED in order to meet carbon factors. Lastly, they are identifying what funding is needed to replace asset at the right moment for the lighting columns.
- ILP → Haydn Yeo mentioned that they are working on matters relating to active transport and cycle by design.
- LoTAG → Dean updated the Board and mentioned that they are dealing with supply chain delays. Moreover, LoTAG is working on cycling and carbon safety issues. They are looking into continuing the al fresco 'lifeline' and are in discussions about Electric Vehicles.
- Transport Scotland → Bijan mentioned that Scotland is getting more LED deliveries at the moment and that Philips company is now operating in the area, doing a great job.
- Welsh Government → They are now installing SMS Lighting across Wales. Moreover, they are continuing their partnership with the police to have CCTV on lighting poles.

**8. SoN report version 2, how we take this forward and link into street lighting and community safety after the recent announcement about extra investment in street lighting.**

Virtual tool report – to be conducted through Atkins and next stage of nation snapshot.

**9. Cycle by design – Update.**

A workshop between Sustrans and interested members of the UKLTB to be arranged. Peter Harrison ( ILP ) has offered to arrange. Concern was expressed around the use of the guidance documentation.

**10. Additional members joining UKLTB, Gafoor Din, Warwickshire County Council**

All agreed to invite Gafoor and the YLP representative to join the UKLTB

**11. Update on UKRLG**

The UKLTB need to produce documentation as to the future purpose of the board along with ideas to promote how we integrate with other groups such as LCRIG etc

**12. AOB**



### **Current UKLTB Member list**

The Board is chaired by David Denner (Welsh Government) and has the following members:

- Gareth Pritchard, representing the Industry, HEA & HEMSA
- Bijan Bassiri, representing Transport Scotland
- Simon Langley, representing Highways England
- Peter Harrison, representing the Institution of Lighting Professionals (ILP)
- Dean Wendelborn (Westminster Council) representing the Local Government Technical Advisors' Group (LGTAG)
- Gary Wilson (North Ayrshire) representing SCOTS
- Keith Tovee, (Essex Highways) representing ADEPT
- Gary Ross, representing the Department for Infrastructure Northern Ireland
- Jonathan Hurley (Swansea City Council) representing CSS Wales
- Vacant, representing OFGEM
- Matthew Eglington / Gary Kemp, representing the Department for Transport