

UK Network Management Board meeting 31 March 2022 held at PEARL

Mark Kemp (Chair)	Hertfordshire County Council representing Adept
Satbir Gill (remoted)	Hounslow Highways representing TAG
Walter Scott (remote)	Representing SCOTS
Freda Rashdi	Highways England
Nick Tyler	UCL
Anthony Fergusson	Department for Transport
Sally Gibbons	Department for Transport
Justin Ward	CIHT

1. Introductions

Mark Kemp thanked Nick Tyler for hosting the meeting at PEARL and for a fascinating tour. Apologies were recorded for Philip Robinson from the Department for Infrastructure Northern Ireland and from Jonathan Moran from Transport Scotland.

2. DfT update

There was an update on Active Travel England and local authority capability and capacity. Walter Scott was interested to hear about developments in England and noted that in Scotland the health agenda was very important and at a Scottish government level the link to active travel and health was clearly made. Mark Kemp noted that the health agenda link to active travel was also made at a local authority level. The Board noted that Manual for Streets was being updated and would further support the health agenda through the transport system.

Action: DfT to consider how the Department of Health links at a high level to Active Travel England

There was a discussion on behavioural change and the Board and Justin noted a CIHT podcast that might be interesting on this topic ([Why behaviour change is vital for net zero mobility | CIHT](#)).

The Board noted that revenue funding was a challenge for the ongoing maintenance of active travel schemes, particularly around repair and renewal of assets.

Action: DfT to explore links to National Highways work on walkers, cyclists, horseriders forum for Active Travel England

National Highways Update

Freda Rashdi provided an update, following this:

Action: RIS3 consultation – consider how NH works with Active Travel England (i.e., ensure working links are made

Freda Rashdi noted that National Highways was addressing severance issues on the network and they have mapped out all severance issues with plans to fix them.

Freda noted that bus and coach customer needs were a focus as was work with the haulage industry.

The Board had a discussion on data.

Action: DfT to consider NTMF for digital data issues to ensure working collaboration between NH and LHN

Action: Freda Rashdi to send information to Nick Tyler on the work on bus stop information that National Highways has been working on

Action: Anthony Fergusson to consider how streetworks is working with National Highways

There was a discussion about the roll-out of EV charging and it was highlighted that guidance from OZEV was forthcoming.

Action: Future meeting focus on digital roads on the local road network – Mark Kemp and Justin Ward to arrange

Action: 30 minute community – presentation from Giles Perkins from WSP to be invited to present – Mark Kemp and Justin Ward to arrange