

# Tripartite Fleet Project Newsletter

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Nicola Sturgeon launches the opening on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2007 of Scotland's first Tripartite workshop at Ayr & Kilwinning.

## Welcome to the 5th Tripartite Project Newsletter

### Latest News:

**Reminder: Project is now in its final stage.** Any requests for funding must be submitted *by 31<sup>st</sup> October*. Please contact any of the Programme Managers to discuss.

***The Tripartite Project is having a stakeholder event on 3rd December 2008, in Hamilton. In addition to showcasing the work so far, there will be a discussion on how to take forward the programme at the end of the funded stage.***

### Tri-partite Board: new members.

The Tripartite Board wishes to welcome it's new members: **Iain Morris**, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue Service joins in the CFOAS role in place of Tommy Mann who retired in May. **Digger McCulloch**, Lothian & Borders Police joins in the ACPOS role in place of Richard Flint who has moved to North Yorkshire Police and takes over as Chairman of the National Association of Police Fleet Managers in the UK.

**New Research & Development Group:** The Scottish Emergency Services Fleet Research and Development Group will act as a platform to share best practice and new developments in Fleet operations.

Team members are:

Mr Gareth Armstrong - Northern Constabulary  
Mr Gordon Middleton – Scottish Ambulance Service  
Mr George Thomson – Lothian & Borders Fire & Rescue



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**Workstream status:**

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• **Strategies & Best Practice Documents:**

The team has enlisted the services of a consultant to assist in the preparation of an overarching Emergency Services Fleet Strategy and underpinning best practice documents

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• **Vehicle Workshops:**

**Central update**

A detailed analysis of the options has been carried out and a paper will be submitted to the next Tri-Partite Board meeting for funding.

**Grampian update**

Business Case grant agreed by Board.  
OJEU notice published for provision of an options appraisal for the region.

**Strathclyde update**

Business Case for Greenock, Lochgilphead Police workshops now prepared and going through approvals process.  
Review of Motherwell and Dumbarton workshops ongoing.

**Fife update**

Team currently information gathering for options appraisal for Fife Constabulary and Scottish Ambulance Service.

**Northern/Highlands & Islands update**

No new updates.

**Tayside update**

Team currently information gathering to develop options appraisal for Tayside Police, Tayside Fire & Rescue Service and Scottish Ambulance Service.

**Dumfries & Galloway update**

Fleet Managers from Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary and Scottish Ambulance Service meeting to discuss collaboration agreements within the D&G Area.  
D&G Police carrying out vehicle commissioning work for D&G Fire & Rescue Service.

**L&B update**

Lothian & Borders Police soon to move staff and equipment from Livingston into L&B FRS premises at Newbridge.

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• **Fuel:**

You may have viewed the BBC Programme Dragons Den which featured the DDN Mis-fuelling device for diesel vehicles which is currently being trialled by the Emergency Services, the device had a successful outcome on the programme securing the highest ever support from the Dragons. A further trial is being commissioned by Scottish Ambulance Service, whereby all vehicle types at Galashiels Ambulance Station in the Borders will be fitted with the device for assessment. A Recommendation with associated costing will submitted at next Board meeting for approval.

- Work is ongoing to review Strategic Fuel sites for Scottish Ambulance Service, with the possibility of access to other emergency services and the wider NHS.
- A report will be submitted to the next Board meeting to seek government support for all partners due to the spiralling costs associated with fuel.

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• **Insurance:**

Phase 1 of the collaboration exercise ongoing. Project Board will be assessing the results of phase 1 before a decision is made to progress further.

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• **Collaborative Procurement:**

- The Scottish Ambulance Service have applied to utilise the contracts through the National Association of Police Fleet Managers for the procurement of vehicles. (Scottish Fire & Rescue Services currently have access to these contracts).
- Further to Meetings held with Dunlop/Goodyear and Michelin Tyres who can both be utilised through the OGC contract and NPIA. A recommendation will be made to the Board that all partners utilise the OGC contracts where available.
- Breakdown/recovery out for tender.
- Work ongoing on SAS joining lightbar framework for vehicles.

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• **Research & Development:**

The Scottish Emergency Services Fleet Research and Development Group had its inaugural meeting in June.

Its aims and objectives are;

- To evaluate the work carried out by the Fleet Scoping Project Team and continue with it (if feasible).
- To keep members informed of developments in the organisations they represent including;
  - Vehicle research and equipment technology, industry advances.
  - UK legislation/ EU directives.
  - Management developments.
  - Benchmark processes and good practice.

The Group plans to meet on a quarterly basis.

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- **Performance Management:**

Quality Performance Indicators approved by board to be circulated to all three services for use.

Main Key Performance Indicators will be included in overall strategy document that is being produced by Tri-Partite team as outlined above.

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- **ICT:**

The initial appraisal of a shared asset management system has been undertaken. The Board has decided not to progress with this stream further due to its complexities and limited time remaining with the project.

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- **Green Fleet Review:**

All of the 17 emergency service organisations in Scotland are either signed up to have or have had a green fleet review.

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**Any enquiries or current joint working practices which you may wish to discuss or take forward, please contact any of the Project Team members.**

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