

**LEZ Leadership Group Meeting  
25 April 2019  
Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh**

**Attendees**

Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (Chair)  
 Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment , Climate Change and Land Reform  
 John Inman, (City of Edinburgh Council)  
 Cllr Lesley Macinnes, (City of Edinburgh Council)  
 Cllr Anna Richardson, (Glasgow City Council)  
 George Gillespie, (Glasgow City Council)  
 Cllr Mark Flynn, (Dundee City Council)  
 Ewan Gourlay, (Dundee City Council)  
 Janice Milne, (SEPA)  
 Hugh Gillies, (Transport Scotland)  
 Clare Sloan, (Transport Scotland)  
 Campbell Docherty, (Big Partnership) (part of meeting)  
 Alan Buchan, (Big Partnership) (part of meeting)  
 William Hekelaar, (Aberdeen City Council) (teleconference)  
 Cllr. Sandra MacDonald, (Aberdeen City Council) (teleconference)  
 Dr. Colin Ramsay, (NHS Scotland) (teleconference)

**Apologies**

Cllr Ross Grant, Aberdeen City Council  
 Dr Colin Ramsay, NHS Scotland  
 John Inman, City of Edinburgh City Council

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Discussion and actions</b>
<b>Welcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MM welcomed everyone to the meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>City Specific LEZ Progress</b>	<p><b>Glasgow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To date, progress has been made with retrofit programme across the Glasgow Bus fleet.</li> <li>• 20% target of all bus trip to be compliant with euro 6, standards by the end of 2018 achieved.</li> <li>• December Traffic Regulation Condition (TRC) year 1 for buses. TRC years 2-5 under consideration 2.</li> <li>• AR advised that 1 out of the 4 bus operators in Glasgow are not presently on track for the 40% target of its fleet and therefore unlikely to comply with year 2 TRC requirements. The same bus operator is introducing new buses however there are not enough in operation.</li> </ul>

GCC has done everything possible to take this forward and has good evidence to give the Traffic Commissioner should it go to a public inquiry. GCC still looking for 40% of the buses to be compliant by December 2019.

- RC stressed the importance of air quality improvement and the publicity issue to make people aware. There needs to be management around this.
- HG said there are interconnections with the bus companies and business planning and BEAR phase 2. HG will meet with the Traffic Commissioner and First Bus to try to secure progress.
- GG added that Glasgow's investment proposals should improve journey times and air quality. Their City centre management plan aims to assist buses to operate in the city centre.
- MM said bus prioritisation should help increase footfall, patronage and helps reduce air pollution.

### **Edinburgh**

- Stakeholders will be consulted. By October 2019, the final scheme proposed will be put to Committee.
- The parameters of Edinburgh's LEZ will be up for consultation over the summer.
- Currently proposed that there will be 2 phases for the introduction : firstly in the city centre and then the wider area.
- Funding and retrofit process has to be agreed with TS.

### **Dundee**

- Delivery Group meets monthly to discuss LEZs.
- Modelling work awaited, with consultant's report due by the end of May/start of June 2019.
- No decision has been made about LEZ boundary. Council to work in conjunction with SEPA and the bus company to make progress on this.
- The council are looking for good compliance by bus operators by the end of 2020.

### **Aberdeen**

- In May the council will work with SEPA on a bus data collection model and testing.
- Extensive hydrogen fleet of buses in the city.
- LEZ geographical map to be drawn up with a preferred option by 2019. Consultation to inform option appraisal by the start of 2020.
- Important to have public/stakeholder engagement.
- The opening of the AWPR has changed travel patterns in the area. Council looking at set of measures for place making especially post AWPR.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On a point of clarification for MM, Aberdeen CC confirmed that there are 3 options emerging narrowing down to the preferred option by the end of 2019 /early 2020.</li> </ul>
<b>BIG Partnership</b>	<p>Alan Buchan gave a presentation on the public and business awareness of LEZs.</p> <p>Please see attachments.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>LEZ A5 leaflet v3.pdf</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>TS LEZ Scotland update - Apr 19.ppt</p> </div> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following the Big Partnership there was a discussion around what had been presented, and what this meant in terms of challenges and opportunities. There was general agreement that the public/business sector need to receive clearer messages that improving air quality is a good thing. RC added Air Quality message to feature at the top of the LEZ website.</li> <li>RC wished to see more research into the views of the pedestrians. HG mentioned the Vehicle Registration Checker. The DVLA should have the database/checker available by mid-May.</li> <li>The meeting sought a repeat of the Big Partnerships research to measure the ongoing knowledge and awareness of Air Quality by the public and business sector.</li> <li>MM suggested LEZs should send a national collective message to the public -“Change is coming” campaign. Public health message to be part of this.</li> </ul>
<b>LEZ Funding Model in 2019/20 and beyond. Bus Emissions Abatement Retrofit (BEAR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scottish Ministers will determine funding availability for LEZs introduction and supporting programmes, TS will open up funding for the bids at that point.</li> <li>Scottish Ministers have already determined that £8.8m will be available in 19/20 for BEAR Phase 3.</li> <li>TS will lead bid to the EU, with the support of the bus industry/CPT seeking approval for a BEAR Phase 3 funding proposal.</li> </ul>
<b>Transport Bill update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transport Bill is at Stage 1. Ministers are content with the consistency of the work so far. Stage 2 should be ready by the summer, stage 3 ready by the autumn and the Bill finalised by the end of 2019.</li> </ul>
<b>Summary and Way Forward</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TS work is moving forward with the BEAR 3 application, COMMS and funding to Local Authorities.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TS to provide Ministers with funding proposals based on available budget in 19/20 to help LA's, bus companies etc.</li></ul>
<b>AOB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No other business was discussed</li></ul>
<b>Date and time of next meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TBC</li></ul>