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Welsh & West Midland Traffic Areas

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Role of The Traffic Commissioner

- **Conduct public inquiries to take action against the licence (if appropriate!)**
- **Regulate professional drivers**
- **Licence operators and enforce standards on behalf of all licence holders**
- **Ensure over riding aims of road safety and fair competition**

Management Responsibilities

- **Employ competent staff at the right level**
- **Define job descriptions and areas of responsibility**
- **Ensure effective training**
- **Review systems as operating conditions change**
- **Ensure an adequate budget**

Management Responsibilities

- **Do spot checks and carry out audits**
- **Consult with colleagues**
- **Implement proper training and disciplinary systems**
- **React promptly to Enforcement Action and audit information**

The Role of the Transport Manager

- It is someone either on their own or with others who has ***CONTINUOUS AND EFFECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY*** for the management of the transport operations of the business in so far as they relate to the carriage of goods
- A key appointment

TRANSPORT MANAGER IN DIFFICULTIES

- Financial constraints?
- Complying with O licence requirements?
- Letter to director (in case of LA to Chief Executive
- Then, if no improvement:
 - Resign
 - Sent resignation to TC

LAs before TCs

- Financial constraints
- Lower priority at times of competing resources
- Road safety – no compromise
- Records – no compromise
- Sanctions