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Transport, Fleet and Vehicle Maintenance Seminar 2026

Thursday 15 October, 10:00 – 16:30
The Derby Conference Centre, DE24 8UX

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Programme

9:00: Registration

10:00: Session One

Welcome from the Chair

Clr Lynne Short, Dundee City Council

Driving Forward: Derby Fleet Services – Progress, Priorities

- Welcome to Derby
- Highlighting key achievements
- Looking ahead – priorities and opportunities
- Where to now with postponed LGR?

Sam Kelly and Adrian Ball, Head of Fleet Management and Streetpride / Fleet Transport Manager, Derby City Council

Working Together to Improve Road Safety and Regulatory Outcomes

- Current compliance and enforcement priorities, Common compliance issues and emerging trends
- How DVSA supports operators through engagement, education and guidance
- Earned Recognition and the road to earned recognition scheme

Matt Willisroft, Head of Enforcement Relationship Management, Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency

National Highways – Keeping the UK moving

- Managing a fleet of around 2,000 vehicles
- National Highways' electrification journey
- Transition to zero emissions and operational challenges

Martin Edgecox, National Fleet Manager, National Highways

Audience question and answer session

11:15: Coffee break and exhibition viewing

11:45: Session Two

Cross-Pavement EV Charging: Simple Solution, Complex Delivery

- Coventry's experience of trialling cross-pavement charging channels for residents without off-street parking.
- The practical challenges of moving from a small-scale trial to a council-wide approach, including highways, licensing, maintenance, liability and resident experience, and lessons learned.

Shamala Gadgil, Senior Programme Manager, Coventry City Council

Nottingham's Pioneering EV journey

- Turning the council's fleet green, one of the first councils to do so
- Depot, RCV, and street cleansing vehicle electrification
- Lessons learned from being an early adopter, and what you can learn from our experience

Andrew Smith, Assistant Fleet Manager, Nottingham City Council

Transport – State of the Market

- What you have told us
- Key trends and issues in LA fleet and transport
- Budgets, recruitment and retention

Bonni Jee, Principal Policy Lead, APSE

More than Vehicles: Delivering Fleet Solutions that work

- What does effective fleet management look like in practice?
- How our Vehicle Managed Service transformed operations for Kent Highways
- Reducing workload, improving efficiency, simplifying fleet management

Rosanna Maxted, Senior Account Specialist, Jamie Flintan, Ryan Burke, Account Specialists, Procurement Services

12:45 Lunch and exhibition viewing

13:45 Session Three

Safe Roads Ahead: Building a Skilled Workforce for the Future of Fleet Operations

- How we have invested in training, workforce development and staff engagement to create a safer, more resilient fleet and transport operation.
- A practical case study demonstrating how targeted driver training and proactive intervention reduced vehicle incidents, improved driver behaviour and strengthened safety performance.
- Lessons learned on recruitment, retention and preparing the workforce for future challenges, including digital transformation and fleet electrification.

Chris Demetriou, Assistant Director of Corporate Fleet, Transport & Accessible Community Transport, London Borough of Islington

Attracting, Retaining and Developing Staff Through Frontline Environmental & Transport

Apprenticeships

- Clear pathways for developing your workforce — including LGV/Urban Driver, Passenger Transport Driver (D Licence) and Transport Supervisor/O-Licence Manager CPC.
- How councils can use the Apprenticeship Levy to fully fund in-work qualifications — reducing reliance on agency staff and protecting departmental budgets.
- Building a future-ready workforce — tackling driver shortages, compliance pressures and skills gaps across waste, transport, highways and public realm services.

David Smith, Managing Director, Acorn Environmental Solutions

Audience question and answer session

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Occupational Road Risk and Fleet Safety

- An overview of occupational road risk and why it remains a significant health and safety issue for employers.
- An introduction to ScORSA, a programme that helps organisations assess and improve the management of work-related road risk.
- Practical steps organisations can take to improve fleet safety, including how to get involved with ScORSA and access free resources.

Becky Guy, Senior Policy Manager, ROSPA

14:30: Coffee break and exhibition viewing

15:00: Employment Law and Transport

TBC, Sharpe Pritchard LLP

Workshops:

15:10 – 15:50 Workshop 1

'Electric Dreams'

With Nick Bridle, APSE Associate

This session is the place to be for all things fleet and depot decarbonisation.

Join this interactive session where Nick will take you through:

- As-Is Discovery - How to analyse where you are now
- What if I have no telematics?
- What opportunities do we have?
- Planning for Transition - What do we need to consider?

Nick is a dynamic Senior Industry Consultant with extensive experience in developing integrated Asset, Fleet, Workshop, Transport and Driver management systems on a global basis, with over 45 years experience of successfully delivering continuous improvement initiatives.

15:50 – 16:30 Workshop 2

'The Workshop Workshop'

With Bob Bowdler, APSE Associate

In this interactive session, Bob will cover:

- Why everyday fleet control matters
- Compliance framework, supervision gap and operational assurance
- The DVSA desk-based assessment – the reality check
- Drivers' hours – the hidden risk
- Resilience through change – costs, LGR, the final test

Bob is a Senior Transport and Fleet Management professional with extensive experience across UK local authorities and public sector organisations. He has a proven track record in Operator Licence compliance, fleet strategy, procurement, and service improvement, including interim and external leadership roles.

About the venue

Derby Conference Centre

London Road

Derby

DE24 8UX



Derby is a real Transport City with a rich heritage in the industry, both road and rail. Home to Rolls Royce and Toyota manufacturing bases, it's also the HQ of Great British Railways.

Our venue is a dedicated conference centre which has real history, opened in 1938 as a training centre for the London, Midland and Scottish Railway, later the Railway Engineering School. It is Grade 2 Listed and converted in 2007.

It is located in easy reach of the M1 and has free parking plus EV charging points.

For public transport, it is a 5 minute drive or 25 minute walk from Derby Railway Station.



Seminar Objectives & Booking Information

About the Seminar

Local Authority Fleet operations are the essential element in ensuring the continued delivery of front-line council services. To ensure well run in-house fleet and maintenance services stay ahead of the game, this seminar brings together the elements that influence future success.

Speakers will cover the national picture, the regulatory context, human, financial and legal issues and strategies for maintaining efficient operations. The seminar will also look at innovation, the transition to cleaner fuels, recruitment, self-regulation and ensuring continued efficient delivery of fleet services.

The industry is faced with some huge challenges. A substantial skills shortage with an aging workforce has meant it's increasingly difficult to recruit new staff and retain existing. The race to net-zero which will fundamentally change the nature of the vehicles and equipment and the management challenges are multiplied. The job of today's transport manager is more complex than ever.

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Delegate packages Exclusive of VAT

What's included?

The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments.

APSE member delegate fee: **£195 + VAT per person**

Non-member delegate's fee: **£290 + VAT per person**

Commercial delegates: **£420 + VAT per person**

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