

Present:

Ian Greenman	United Kingdom Rescue Organisation (UKRO) - Teams	Chairman
Mary Edwards	Institute of Vehicle Recovery (IVR)	Secretary
Chris Hoare	Institute of Vehicle Recovery (IVR)	
Wayne Carey	National Highways (NH)	
Stefan Hay	National Tyre Distributors Association (NTDA)	
Lance Williams	NHSS17/17B Specialist	
John Gulley	Llywodraeth Cymru/Welsh Government (GUEST)	

Apologies for absence:

Dan Quin	National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC)
Andrew Butterfield	National Highways (NH)
Gareth Price	South Wales Trunk Road Agent (SWTRA) (GUEST)

Agenda

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of last meeting
- 3) EV Issues & Impact on Strategic Road Network – National Highways
- 4) Red Lamp Issues
- 5) ELSI Query re RL's
- 6) Criteria for RL review with DfT
- 7) Criteria for sharing with other organisations for training purposes
- 8) PROSE - New Sponsors
- 9) AOB
- 10) Date of Next Meeting

Meeting opened

IG opened the meeting at 10:30 am.

Item 1: Apologies

As above.

Item 2: Minutes of last meeting

Minutes were agreed. Discussed sharing minutes of meetings on website for transparency. ME to organise minutes, IG to liaise with IT.

ME & IG

Item 3: EV Issues & Impact on Strategic Road Network – National Highways

WC outlined a possible NH proposal for a consultation regarding EVs and traffic officers.

Item 4 & 5: Red Lamp Issues/ELSI enquiry

WC confirmed that DfT would have no issue with retrofitting because DfT would want to make the issuing of red lamps as smooth a transition as possible for the industry.

Currently only a few operators had taken up a VSO. LW asked if red lamps should be compulsory within the sector scheme. CH said that their appeared to be some apathy around the uptake of red lamps generally.

Item 6: Criteria for RL review with DfT

SH said that he would compile information from the tyre industry and send to IG. ME to provide Apex DRA information. Numbers of those trained to be provided by ME and number of VSOs would make up the review. Plus any issues would be flagged up in the review.

SH & ME

A discussion took place on how red lights could and are being policed through traffic officers and how ID/licence checks could help this process as well as checking for dynamic risk assessment recordings when red lamp use is observed.

Item 7: Criteria for sharing with other organisations for training purposes

IG said that there had been a query from the IMI regarding training and certifying in red lamps. Those in the meeting agreed that it was not for the IMI to certify this type of training. But that other red lamp training would be considered by PROSE after the 6 month review period - from April 2025. IG said that training criteria would be developed and put on the PROSE website as guidance. IG to write to IMI to explain.

IG

LW outlined changes/revisions to the sector scheme and explained that red lamps might also be part of those changes.

Item 8: PROSE – New Sponsors

IG announced that NWVA are the new sponsors of PROSE. IG to investigate flyers and pop up banners to use at events.

IG

Item 9: AOB

The EV multi-agency flowchart - had been shown on a previous meeting, and it was agreed that there was to be a PROSE sub-group led by NH to tackle the EV issue. ME to reshare the flowchart for consideration going forward.

ME

Tyre Check Campaign – it has been 25 years since the campaign start, so NTDA are to celebrate in May 2025 with a relaunch. SH to draft a letter for industry publications to raise awareness as both recovery and the tyre industry are left dealing with the aftermath of tyre issues and to highlight the issues of part worn and tyre depth through PROSE.

SH

Item 10: Date of next meeting

No firm date was set but towards the end of March was suggested.

Meeting was closed at 12:14 pm.