

Review of Traffic Commissioner function launched

News story

Industry, local authorities, trade organisations and passenger groups encouraged to review the role of Traffic Commissioners in online consultation.



- groups encouraged to have their say on Traffic Commissioner function
- review to consider role, governance and funding arrangements
- work will ensure function is fit for the future, helping promote road safety

Stakeholders are being encouraged to have their say as part of a [review of the Traffic Commissioner function](#) launched by the government today (11 August 2021).

The [8 Traffic Commissioners \(TCs\)](#) have responsibility in their region or county for the licensing and regulation of those who operate heavy goods vehicles, buses and coaches, and the registration of local bus services. They are assisted in this work by 11 deputy TCs, who preside over a number of public inquiries.

The review will consider whether the current role, delivery model, governance and funding arrangements are fit for the future, as well as current issues faced by the TC function, such as the impact of the pandemic and increased workload.

An online consultation launched today will enable anyone with an interest, such as industry, local authorities, trade organisations and passenger groups, to shape the future role of TCs.

Transport Minister Baroness Vere said:

Traffic Commissioners play a key role in road safety, including

helping ensure that people who operate HGVs and coaches are reputable, that there is fair competition between operators and that public inquiry proceedings are fair.

I want to ensure that this important function is as effective as possible, which is why I have launched a thorough review and encourage anyone with an interest to have their say.

The recommendations of the review are expected to be published next spring.

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