

Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain publish 2021-22 annual report

The Traffic Commissioners for Great Britain have today (19 July 2022) released their Annual Report for 2021 to 2022.

The commissioners provide updates on their strategic objectives to 2023 and evaluate the longer-term impact of the pandemic. The traffic commissioners have worked hard to ensure that service users have been given the support and advice they require so that they continue to provide safe and effective transport services for the benefit of the country.

The report addresses issues such as:

- Entrants to the Road Haulage Industry
- The Decision-Making Process
- Certificates of Professional Competence (CPC)
- Load Security
- Maintenance
- Traction Only Services
- Driver Welfare

These includes some very important current issues such as driver shortages and the incoming legislation on LGVs between 2.5 and 3.5 tonnes.

Also discussed in the report are business recovery, legislative change, local bus services, better targeted regulation and helping compliant businesses.

Reflecting on the report, the Senior Traffic Commissioner Richard Turfitt said:

“It has been a difficult year once more in the goods vehicle and PSV industries, with costs increasing and shortages affecting all operators, so we would like to acknowledge the hard work of our compliant operators in keeping our GB roads as safe as possible.

“Traffic commissioners continue to operate successfully as a team and within the communities, which we have the privilege to serve. We are committed to

high-quality decision making against the standards set in legislation and to encouraging robust standards across the regulated industries .”

The Annual Report also contains statistics describing the licensing and regulatory activities. The data recognises the achievements of the commissioners and their support during the year, notably:

15,748 operator licence applications and variations processed

14,551 local bus registrations processed

1392 public inquiries determined

309 preliminary hearings held

57 Senior Team Leader (STL) interviews held

13,654 vocational driver cases closed

The report can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/traffic-commissioners-annual-report-2021-to-2022>