

Item 7

General Assembly Annual Meeting: Motions

Purpose of report

For decision.

Summary

The LGA's Standing Orders provide for Motions to be moved at any meeting of the General Assembly.

It is in the remit of the LG Group Executive to determine whether motions should receive consideration by the General Assembly or be remitted to a Programme Board or Panel of the LG Group.

The deadline for notice of motions was 6 May 2010. One motion, from Centro (West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority) on combating the serious impact of metal theft on local communities, has been received.

Recommendations

The LG Group Executive is asked to consider the handling of the General Assembly 2011 agenda.

Action

Officers to submit the necessary report to the General Assembly, in accordance with the Group Executive's decision/s.

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Motion from Centro (West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority)

Central (West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority)

Proposes that

The Local Government Association lobbies Government and Members of Parliament to introduce new legislation to help combat the serious impact of metal theft on our local communities including home owners, churches and local highway authorities.

Discussions with our partners Network Rail and the British Transport Police have highlighted the alarming amount of rail service delays which are caused through the theft of cabling and other materials. The economic impact of this both for the West Midlands and nationally is significant; causing travel delay for passengers, disruption to businesses and an increased safety risk through signalling and telecommunications failure.

Centro therefore seeks legislative reform to tighten and enhance practices at metal recycling facilities to help improve and support the reduction of metal theft. Centro welcomes the voluntary code of practice developed by the British Metal Recycling Association (BMRA) and Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) as a basis for this reform. This includes the following crime reduction measures:

- ☐ The introduction of digital recorded CCTV systems at the entrances and/or weighbridges of recycling centres that is retained for 28 days. Where such systems have been installed posters advertising the fact will clearly be displayed on the premises.
- ☐ Requesting identification from persons disposing of metals who are not already known to the recycling centre. The identification requested to include name, address and post code. A record of the method of identification produced will be recorded including unique identifying reference number where applicable i.e. driver number in the case of driving licence or customer number if utility bill or similar document produced. Cash should not be paid to persons unknown to the recycling centre or where identification cannot be produced.
- ☐ The maintenance of accurate records required by the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964. This will include ensuring that names, addresses and vehicle registration number are complete and accurate.
- ☐ Suspicious persons will be reported to the local police force for the area concerned.
- ☐ Suspicious transactions will be reported to the local police force for the area concerned.

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Chairman
West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority