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**SCOTTISH ROAD WORKS COMMISSIONER**

## Commissioner Newsletter

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### Termination of Agreement for Susiephone Ltd to act as Provider of the Scottish Road Works Register

The role of Susiephone Ltd has been under consideration for some time and in March 2013 the Commissioner gave notice that she was terminating the Agreement with Susiephone Ltd for it to act as Provider of the Scottish Road Works Register. It is anticipated that the sole employee of Susiephone Ltd, Iain Ross, will transfer to the employment of the Office of the Scottish Road Works Commissioner in due course through TUPE arrangements. The Commissioner will take all the activities currently carried out by Susiephone Ltd in-house. It is anticipated that there will be no changes to the services provided to the road works community. Further details regarding the date of this transfer will be released when available.

Mark Dickson, on behalf of Susiephone Ltd said "The Board is of the view that, by setting up a successful Register, the Company has achieved its purpose, and that it is practical for the function of maintaining the Register to now be passed over..."

Elsbeth King, Commissioner said "I'd like to thank the Board for all its hard work in developing the Register into what is a world leading tool for planning and co-ordinating road works. I look forward to continuing to build upon this good work with the road works community".

### Code of Practice for the Co-ordination of Works in Roads

The Code of Practice for the Co-ordination of Works in Roads was published by Transport Scotland on 5 April 2013. The Consultation Analysis Report, which sets out the outcomes of the exercise, was also published at this time and is available to download at: <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/files/documents/reports/j267481/j267481.pdf>

A bedding-in period has been agreed to cover April and May 2013, with monitoring commencing from June 2013.

### Strategic Consultation

Transport Scotland launched a public consultation on 5 April 2013. The exercise is the first major consultation into road works since 2003 and identifies where improvements could be made to the planning, co-ordination and quality of road works in Scotland.

The consultation documents can be viewed at: <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/strategy-and-research/publications-and-consultations/consultations>

The Commissioner would encourage all organisations to review the documents and submit responses to: [WorksonRoads@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:WorksonRoads@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk)

Following the launch, an event for managers was held on 16 April 2013 at Victoria Quay, Edinburgh. This allowed an opportunity to provide clarification on the content, and for attendees to participate in a Q&A session. The closing date of the consultation is 5 July 2013.

### Long Term Damage to Roads Research

The strategic consultation documents make reference to the URS Scott Wilson Report on Long Term Damage to Roads Due to Reinstated Trenches - Final Report.

This report is available to download at: <http://www.roadworksscotland.gov.uk/LegislationGuidance/ForthcomingLegislation.aspx>

The other report commissioned on this subject is the TRL Report on Long-term Damage to Roads Caused by Utility Reinstatements. This report has been published directly by TRL and can be downloaded at: [http://www.trl.co.uk/online\\_store/reports\\_publications/trl\\_reports/cat\\_highway\\_engineering/report\\_long-term\\_damage\\_to\\_roads\\_caused\\_by\\_utility\\_reinstatements.htm](http://www.trl.co.uk/online_store/reports_publications/trl_reports/cat_highway_engineering/report_long-term_damage_to_roads_caused_by_utility_reinstatements.htm)

### New Contact Details

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