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Second Commissioner Appointed

Elsbeth King has been appointed as the second Scottish Road Works Commissioner. She took up post on 1 January 2013. Keith Brown MSP, Minister for Transport and Veterans said "I am delighted to appoint Elspeth King as the new Scottish Road Works Commissioner for the next five years. This appointment means we can be sure of strong monitoring of performance and a push for best practice."

Elsbeth King said "I am very happy to have been appointed as the second Scottish Road Works Commissioner. I look forward to building on the excellent work done by John Gooday and to working with the road works community to improve the standard and management of road works in Scotland.



Elsbeth King and John Gooday handover

Over the next few months I will be attending many meetings including RAUC(S) to engage with the community. I am interested to learn of examples of good practice and also of any barriers which are getting in the way. Please feel free to approach me or my staff to let us know.

Strategic Consultation

It is proposed that a Strategic Consultation on Works on Scottish Roads will be launched by Transport Scotland in March 2013. This high level consultation is the first since 2003 and will inform future Government policy on the management and operation of road works in Scotland. It is expected to be accompanied by an event in April 2013 which will enable the community the opportunity to ask questions and gain a better understanding of the consultation.

Co-ordination of Works in Roads and Specification for the Reinstatement of Openings in Roads Consultations

The consultations covering the Co-ordination of Works in Roads and Specification for Reinstatement of Openings in Roads are now complete. The report on the Code of Practice was completed in December 2012 and will be published at the same time as the Code of Practice by Transport Scotland. Given the more technical nature of the Specification, the report is not likely to be completed until April 2013.

The Code of Practice is due to come into force in April 2013 and be made available on the Commissioner's website in advance of this time.

Performance Review

The fourth round of performance reviews were issued to roads authorities and the major utilities over December 2012/January 2013. It is expected that new indicators of performance will be developed over 2013 and that these will be used in any forthcoming review process.

The Road Works (Maintenance) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2012

These regulations came into force on 30 November 2012.
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2012/286/regulation/2/made>

Scottish Road Works Register (Prescribed Fees) Regulations 2013

These regulations will come into force on 28 February 2013.
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2013/8/contents/made>

RAUC(S) Advice Note 22

The informal consultation on Draft Advice Note 22 dealing with traffic management in road in advance of activity commencing is now complete. A recommended draft is being put forward to the March 2013 RAUC(S) Meeting.