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REGIONAL TRANSPORT FORUM – 12th October 2012

The East of England Freight Quality Partnership

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1. Introduction

1.1. The East of England Freight Quality Partnership (EEFQP) has been meeting regularly for many years as a Partnership between Local Government and Freight Transport Operators. I was asked to become the neutral Chair of the Partnership during 2011 and we have held regular meetings and expanded the contributors to the meeting since then.

1.2. My initial view was that the EEFQP lacked direction, that Local Government support was patchy, that Operator input was limited and that given the changes in the UK Regions that the geography was wrong.

2. Current Position

2.1. The EEFQP has developed revised Terms of Reference (ToRs) which are attached. These reflect the views of the Members of the Partnership, have been discussed with the Regional Transport Forum and amended to take account of the RTF’s comments. The DfT has also confirmed recently it’s support for Freight Quality Partnerships.

3. Membership


3.2. Port of Felixstowe, DHL/Exel, Potter Group, Suckling Transport, TNT, Network Rail and Stansted.

3.3. DfT, Highways Agency, FTA, RHA and Skills for Logistics (National Academy).

4. The Future

4.1. We are at a time when Local Enterprise Partnerships and Local Transport Boards are emerging and the efficient movement of freight by all modes is a key driver for economic growth. The Partnership asks the RTF to confirm that it is happy with the revised ToRs, and will note at their meetings the contribution that the EEFQP makes to the RTF.

David Bell                                                                                                                     1st October 2012