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# Timber Transport

for a low carbon economy

## The Councils' Perspective

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# The Partnership Approach

- 10 years on - substantial progress
- New people, lessons re-learned
- Changing context, new challenges
- What future the Partnership Charter?



## Demands

- Increased expectations of, and reliance on road network
- More timber being harvested from more places
- Impact of severe weather events (flood/snow/frost) on road condition



## Challenges

- Existing backlogs, reduced roads budgets, winter overspend
- Demand versus resources
- Public perception
- Local Authority roads priorities
- The Climate Change Agenda



# Opportunities – A Sustainable Approach

- Reduce costs
- Refresh the partnership approach
- Secure resources



## Reduce Costs

- Be vigilant in minimising damage
- Follow agreed route maps and monitor impact on roads, review and develop plans where necessary
- Adopt available technology – wider tyres, CTI
- Invest in modal shift – not always a solution for local roads



## Refresh the Partnership Approach

- Adopt best practice as standard practice
- Share information on current and planned works
- Recognise, and work to minimise the 'external' costs of timber transport on society
- Communicate the work of the partnership more widely



## Secure Resources

- Improve public image of timber transport
- Gain political support for timber transport
- Draw in other sources of money – STTF etc.
- Be prepared to share the costs of sustainability



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