

# Taking Charge

Will Scotland follow London's success  
in delivering congestion charging?

**Monday 4th October 2004**  
**Radisson SAS Hotel, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh**

A conference organised by **TRANSform Scotland**

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## Speakers:

**David Begg**, Commission for Integrated Transport  
**George Hazel**, Institution of Highways & Transportation - **Leon Daniels**, First London  
**Tony Grayling**, Institute for Public Policy Research - **Tim Hockney**, London First  
**Malcolm Murray-Clark**, Transport for London - **Richard Bourn**, Transport 2000  
**Michael Howell**, Transport Initiatives Edinburgh - **Kirsty Lewin**, Scottish Executive  
**Stephanos Anastasiadis**, European Federation for Transport and Environment  
**David Spaven**, TRANSform Scotland - **Rob Edwards**, Sunday Herald

## Introduction to the conference

In his July 2004 Transport White Paper, Transport Secretary Alistair Darling set out the need to deliver road pricing across the country if traffic congestion is to be tackled.

London's congestion charge scheme has proved successful in tackling traffic problems in a congested urban area. On the continent, Austria and Switzerland have put in place charging schemes for lorries on trunk roads while the UK also plans to implement a scheme.

Drawing on best practice evidence from London and overseas, this conference will question what role road pricing can and should play in Scotland - or whether there are any convincing alternatives.

## The issues

- What do the UK Department for Transport's proposals mean for Scotland?
- What impact has the London congestion charge had upon the local economy, traffic levels and the environment?
- What can Scottish local authorities learn from the London experience?
- What has been the experience from the continent in reducing traffic levels?
- Can the Scottish Executive's road traffic stabilisation target be met without widespread implementation of road pricing?
- Is there any hope of reducing UK climate change emissions without radical new measures to tackle traffic growth?
- Are there any credible alternatives to road pricing?

# conference

## Morning session

**Chair**            **David Spaven,**  
Chair, TRANSform Scotland

**09.30**            *Registration and coffee*  
**10.00**            *Welcome and Introduction*  
**David Spaven**

### **Session 1:**

#### ***The role of road pricing in tackling congestion***

**10.05**            *Changing the way we pay for road use*  
**Prof. David Begg,** Chair,  
UK Commission for Integrated Transport

**10.20**            *The DfT Feasibility study of road pricing*  
**Prof. George Hazel,** Vice-President,  
Institution of Highways & Transportation

**10.35**            *In the fast lane: fair and effective road user charging in Britain*  
**Tony Grayling,** Associate Director,  
Institute for Public Policy Research

**10.55**            *Question and answer session*  
**11.15**            *Tea & coffee*

### **Session 2:**

#### ***London's experience of congestion charging***

**11.40**            *How has the charge affected traffic and congestion?*  
**Malcolm Murray-Clark,**  
Co-Director of Congestion Charging,  
Transport for London

**11.55**            *What has been the effect on business and the economy?*  
**Tim Hockney,**  
Transport Project Manager, London First

**12.10**            *What have been the environmental and social impacts?*  
**Richard Bourn,**  
London Campaigner, Transport 2000

**12.25**            *How has public transport fared?*  
**Leon Daniels,**  
Divisional Director for London and South East, First

**12.40**            *Question and answer session*  
**13.00**            *Lunch*

# programme

## Afternoon session

**Chair** **Rob Edwards,**  
Environment Editor, Sunday Herald

### **Session 3:** **Different ways to tackle congestion**

- 14.00** *European experience of delivering traffic restraint*  
**Stephanos Anastasiadis,**  
Policy Officer, European Federation for Transport and Environment
- 14.20** *The role of the Scottish Executive*  
**Kirsty Lewin,**  
Transport Group, Scottish Executive
- 14.35** *Edinburgh's congestion charging plans*  
**Michael Howell,**  
Chief Executive, Transport Initiatives Edinburgh
- 14.50** Question and answer session  
**15.05** Tea & coffee

### **Session 4:** **Road pricing: are there any convincing alternatives?**

- 15.25** **Cllr. Allan Jackson,** Edinburgh Conservative Group transport spokesperson
- Mark Ballard MSP,** Scottish Green Party, Lothian MSP
- Cllr. Phil Wheeler,** Edinburgh Liberal Democrat Group transport spokesperson *[invited]*
- Kenny MacAskill MSP,** Scottish National Party transport spokesperson *[invited]*
- Rosie Kane MSP,** Scottish Socialist Party transport spokesperson
- 16.20** **Concluding comments:**  
**David Spaven,** TRANSform Scotland
- 16.30** *Close of conference*

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