



FuelGood training drives positive change in Fife Council Building Services' fleet

Challenge

Building Services provides Fife Council with a 24 hour repair, maintenance, construction and development service. The fleet consists of over 600 vehicles which are utilised for more than 4 million miles per year with a fuel spend of £1.43 million. The large and highly skilled workforce undertakes all mainstream trade activities and driver behaviour and safety are important to the local authority to continue to deliver a quality service. With such a large workforce and fleet, Fife Council was keen to improve the fleet's efficiency as well as driver awareness and engagement.

Solution

In partnership with the Energy Saving Trust, Fife Council took part in FuelGood fuel efficient driver training to save money, enhance driving skills and improve the sustainability of the Building Services fleet. Fife Council has also implemented a series of measures in order to properly track, forecast and control their transport expenditure.

Key initiatives delivered to date:

- ✔ Reduction in overall fleet size
- ✔ Full deployment of TomTom telematics units
- ✔ Introduction of driver training programme

In addition, Fife Council has introduced electric hybrid, fully electric and hydrogen hybrid vehicles into the Building Services fleet, demonstrating a commitment to new technologies and continual improvements.

Result

Following FuelGood driver training, Fife Council Building Services recorded a 15 per cent increase in MPG and an improvement of more than 25 per cent relating to the Webfleet Opti Drive Score assessing driver behaviours.

The fleet size has also been reduced by 11 per cent since 2013 and now has a total of 624 vehicles. The initiatives have resulted in estimated carbon savings of 3,400 CO₂/tonnes and a cost reduction of £189,000 from annual fuel savings and reduced short-term vehicle hire.

Fife Council Building Services will continue to implement environmentally responsible measures to reduce energy consumption, fuel consumption and carbon pollution and has plans to introduce further hybrid vehicles and extend the driver training programme.

“ We take our legislative requirement and our community safety values seriously. These values are regularly refreshed at Tool Box Talks for all our frontline staff with the benefits of efficiency, safety and high-visibility being integrated into our broader safer community agenda. Other benefits of the training will see reduced maintenance on the vehicles, reduced carbon emissions and safer communities with fewer accidents.”

**Graham Hodgkins, Asset Manager,
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