

HIGHWAY AUTHORITIES AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE (UK)

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HAUC (UK) is an un-incorporated body advising the Government on street works legislation policy, monitoring the implementation of legislation, representing the joint interests of the Highway Authorities and Utilities in street works issues and liaising with other road users.

The terms of reference of HAUC (UK) are:

1. To advise the Government on street works legislation policy issues which HAUC (UK) has identified, and which arise from consultations and approaches from other bodies, and through liaison with other road users.
2. To advise the Government on the outcome of consultations under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA), and related legislation.
3. To monitor current street works legislation to ensure its effectiveness and to make recommendation for change.
4. To produce an annual report on the operation of NRSWA to the Government in England and the devolved Governments in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
5. To provide guidance to practitioners on NRSWA, NRSWA Regulations and associated Codes of Practice and related legislation.
6. To provide a forum for matters of common interest within the street works community.
7. To identify joint courses of action.
8. To liaise with the Regional HAUC Representatives Group and to receive reports from them.
9. To appoint and direct the work of Working Groups, establishing their terms of reference and constitution, reviewing their remits regularly and setting clear targets and timescales through a Business Plan.

CONSTITUTION

CHAIRMANSHIP

1. The two joint Chairmen will be appointed by NJUG (Utilities-side) and the LGA (Highways-side).
2. The Chair (and Secretariat) will rotate for each meeting as will the venue.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership will consist of:

1. Representatives of statutory undertakers appointed by NJUG plus a member from the NJUG Secretariat, together with a representative from the Utilities-side Scottish RAUC, Welsh HAUC and Northern Ireland RAUC.
2. (a) Representatives of the Highway, Bridge and Transport Authorities appointed by the LGA.

(b) A representative from the Highways Agency.

(c) A representative from the Transport Directorate of the Welsh Assembly Government.

(d) A representative from the relevant department of the Scottish Parliament.

(e) A representative from the relevant department of the Northern Ireland Assembly

(f) A member of the LGA Secretariat.

(g) A representative from the Highways side of Scottish RAUC, Welsh HAUC and NI RAUC.

Members of the Committee may send substitutes to meetings and additional representatives may be co-opted or invited to meetings at the agreement of both sides.

IN ATTENDANCE

A maximum of two representatives of the Department for Transport (DfT) and a representative each from the Welsh Assembly Government, the Scottish Parliament and the Northern Ireland Assembly may be "In Attendance" at meetings.

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

At least quarterly with additional meetings called by agreement.

SECRETARIAT

NJUG and LGA alternate at meetings.

ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

HAUC (UK)	Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee
NJUG	National Joint Utilities Group
LGA	Local Government Association
DfT	Department for Transport
NRSWA	New Roads and Street Works Act 1991
RAUC	Road Authorities and Utilities Committee

"The Government" In this document the term "the Government" should be understood to mean the Secretary of State for Transport, the First Secretary of the National Assembly for Wales, and the Deputy Minister for Enterprise, Transport and Lifelong Learning in Scotland and the Director of Network Services, Department for Regional Development, Northern Ireland.