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TramForward congratulates Tony Depledge on UITP post

***TramForward* congratulates Tony Depledge on his election as Chairman of the EU-Committee of the International Association of Public Transport (UITP)**

Mr Depledge was President of *TramForward's* parent organisation, the Light Rail Transit Association (LRTA), from 1994 to 2005 and is currently one of its Vice-Presidents.

Mr Depledge's career in the transport industry spans some 40 years, starting as a seasonal tram driver in Blackpool, subsequently working for Midland Red and South Yorkshire PTE., before returning to Blackpool Transport in 1977, first as Traffic Manager and, from 1986, as Managing Director. In 2001 he took up his current post of Director of Transport Policy Development at Arriva.

Mr Depledge was awarded the OBE in the 2002 New Year's honours list and, in 2008, received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the annual Passenger Transport Management Awards (PTMA).

As well as being President of the LRTA, Mr Depledge been President of the Confederation of Passenger Transport, President of the Association of European Public Transport Operators, and Vice-Chairman of the UITP Light Rail Commission.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. *TramForward* is the campaigning arm of the Light Rail Transit Association.
2. The Light Rail Transit Association is the world's leading organisation campaigning for better public transport through light rail, tramway and metro systems in our towns and cities for 70 years. It also supports the revitalisation of suburban and rural transport through the application of light rail.
3. The LRTA acts through its network of local branches, which campaign for better transport in their localities.
4. Membership of the LRTA costs under 12p a day. To join, visit www.lrta.org or write to the Membership Secretary, LRTA, 38 Wolseley Road, Sale, Greater Manchester, M33 7AU. Members of the LRTA receive the monthly magazine *Tramways & Urban Transit* - written and read by experts in the field - and gain other benefits including discounts on videos and books, tours of transport systems and cut-price admission to selected transport sites.
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