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SOUTHERN DRIVERS
COMPANY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.

Franchise news.

As you will no doubt be aware, the Department for Transport announced Go-Via as the preferred bidder to run the South Central Franchise until 2015.

The acting Operation Director has already advised us that he will be in a position to give us a full brief on the operational requirements for the next franchise at our next agenda meeting. This meeting is planned for the 25th June this will give us an opportunity to raise questions on Southern's intentions and obligations for the new franchise.

Members will be kept updated on developments as and when are made aware of them.

Investigations and you

During a recent investigation into an incident, a driver revealed that he was feeling fatigued and this was the cause of the incident .

The fact this driver was honest is probably the one of the main reasons he is now being given the chance to show he can be managed and that he can manage himself in the Future and go back to driving on his own.

Any investigation, whether it be for an alleged breach of the disciplinary procedure or a safety of the line incident, is designed to find the facts and causes into what happened and why it happened.

If your managers understands the cause of an incident they are more able to understand what risk they have to manage in the future.

This then enables plans and checks to be put in place to enable you to continue driving.

There have been cases in the past where members have avoided being honest during an investigation. This may be viewed as a breach of trust. Any breach of trust may be deemed as a serious issue.

The industry and Southern in particular, are keen to adopt the self reporting methods used by the airline industry. In our opinion this case is just a small but welcomed step along this road and goes to show that honesty is the best policy.

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