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ACFO SPRING SEMINAR TO DELIVER CLARITY ON KEY ISSUES FOR FLEET DECISION-MAKERS IN A TIME OF UNPRECEDENTED CHANGE

Fleet management continues to evolve at an unprecedented pace, but ACFO's spring 2019 seminar is focused on delivering clarity to decision-makers on a raft of key issues.

Expert speakers will address all the big issues that fleet decision-makers want answers to as they grapple with a plethora of developments that could turn the established order of fleet management upside down and inside out.

Addressing the fleet challenges impacting on vehicle, driver and journey management, the seminar - 'Another Year of Evolution' - is being held on Wednesday, 27th March at the British Motor Museum, Gaydon, Warwickshire, starting at 9.30am (registration opens at 8.30am).

The 2019 spring seminar is being sponsored by Jaguar Land Rover with support from Lex Autolease, the UK's largest contract hire and leasing company, and Reflex Vehicle Hire.

John Pryor, chairman of ACFO, the UK's premier fleet decision-makers' organisation, said: "The seminar will be a unique event in addressing topics as diverse as the future of company car taxation, the impact of Brexit on fleet operations, vehicle funding trends and the introduction of Clean Air Zones in towns and cities nationwide.

"Fleet operators may have been treading water in 2018 awaiting clarity on numerous issues, but ACFO believes that as decisions on key issues are made the future shape of fleets will emerge and that is starting to occur.

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"The seminar will provide insight and practical advice in specific areas effecting businesses and fleet decision-makers now and in the future that will enable them to operate more efficiently and effectively."

ACFO's spring seminar is being held:

- Just days after the Government's Spring Statement in which Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond is expected to indicate the 'direction of travel' on any changes to the existing company car benefit-in-kind tax and Vehicle Excise Duty regimes from April 2020. Mike Moore, tax director at professional services firm Deloitte, who leads its national car and mobility consulting team, will analyse the Statement and the impact of any changes on fleets.
- With the fleet funding market in a state of flux and Personal Contract Hire on the rise, Lex Autolease will deliver its views on marketplace developments now and in the future and what actions fleets should take.
- Just two days before the UK is due to leave the European Union on March 29, the impact of Brexit is agenda-topping. In the event of a no-deal Brexit, the Government has already published guidance for businesses and action points when travelling in Europe. Explaining what Brexit means for fleets in terms of driving licences, vehicle hire, insurance/Green Cards and travel will, respectively be: Malcom Maycock, managing director of Licence Bureau; Oliver Waring, managing director of Reflex Vehicle Hire; Len Benson, associate director/motor manager at insurance broker Peter Lole & Co and an ACFO member; and another speaker to be confirmed.
- With implementation of the new Worldwide harmonised Light vehicles Test Procedure (WLTP) and the related Real Driving Emissions 2 standard continuing to have a major impact on new company car choice lists and vehicle supply, Beth Davies, product manager - manufacturers, at automotive industry data provider CAP HPI, will deliver the latest insight.
- Less than two week before the introduction on 8th April of London's Ultra Low Emission Zone and its implementation heralding an anticipated wave of Clean Air

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Zones across the UK as local authorities, at the behest of the Government as it seek to improve air quality, Tim Anderson, senior transport advice manager, at the Energy Saving Trust, will provide guidance on actions that fleet decision-makers can take to ensure compliance.

- As the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association will shortly publish an updated industry standard 'Fair Wear and Tear Guide: Cars' - and with end of contract damage charges still one of the most contentious issues for fleet decision-makers - the organisation's Nora Leggett, head of member services, will provide guidance and explain what has changed and why.

Additionally, there will be presentations from:

- Jaguar Land Rover with a business update, news on its latest model range and vehicle powertrain developments
- Paul Hollick, chairman of ICFM, the UK's only independent, not-for-profit organisation dedicated to furthering the education and advancement of car and light commercial vehicle fleet management, who will provide an update on the organisation's programme.

During the day there will also be opportunities for seminar delegates to quiz the guest speakers in question and answer sessions. Additionally, an exhibitor area will offer delegates an opportunity to network.

To book a place at the seminar email info@acfo.org or go to www.acfo.org.

Journalists wishing to attend the seminar should email info@acfo.org

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Notes for Editors

ACFO Ltd is a non-profit making organisation. It is the largest UK body representing the interests of businesses which operate cars and vans as part of their normal commercial activities.

Members are represented within ACFO by a named delegate, often but not exclusively, the fleet or transport manager of the member organisation. There is, however, a very wide range of job titles involved, reflecting the different styles of fleet operation. ACFO provides a national representation platform, and regional webinar-based networking opportunities, to support its key objective of improving the discipline and craft of fleet management, and its status.

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