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EMPLOYERS GET OFF TO AN ELECTRIC START

Top employers in Huntingdon have met to see how they can work together to help their commuting staff get to work, and they also got a chance to try a brand new electric car.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary, the Environment Agency, Forensic Science Service and Hinchingsbrooke Health Care NHS Trust attended the first meeting of the 'Huntingdon Travel for Work Cluster' which was held by Huntingdonshire District Council and the Cambridgeshire Travel for Work Partnership (TfW) to look at ways of providing commuters with healthier and greener ways of travelling to work.

"We are really excited about this initiative to bring together organisations across Huntingdon," said John Orr, Environmental Manager for the Environment Agency "By pooling our good ideas and working together better we can all benefit from reducing non-productive travel time and costs for businesses and individuals. There are so many wins to be had here - I am sure the group will go from strength to strength."

The Environment Agency also showed off its first electric vehicle, the Mitsubishi i-MiEV, which was recently introduced to their pool car fleet. The Environment Agency is an official partner of Evalu8, the East of England's project to install an electric vehicle charging network across the region.

Chris Jablonski, Environment Team Leader at Huntingdonshire District Council said: "We are really pleased to support local employers in developing cost effective, environmentally friendly and healthy travel options for their employees. Employer travel solutions are an important part of our overall transport strategy for the town and we look forward to working with this group and Travel for Work as we develop our new Huntingdon and Godmanchester Market Towns Transport Strategy."

Tony Clayton, Travel Plan Adviser at the Travel for Work Partnership (TfW), based at Cambridgeshire County Council said: "TfW has been helping employers to work collaboratively to develop common commuter transport solutions for over 10 years. Our Travel for Work Cluster is an excellent forum for local employers to share information and

increase travel choices for their employees. I am very pleased we are already helping four of the employers with cycling initiatives, such as bike maintenance sessions, that they plan to run during Bike Week in June.”

The Huntingdon Cluster is open to all employers in Huntingdon, who are encouraged to join the group at the next meeting in September. To find out more and register your interest contact Tony Clayton, at Travel for Work on 01223 728547 or email tc@tfw.org.uk.

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Picture Caption: Employees at the Environment Agency’s Brampton site get to try out their new electric pool car.

The Cambridgeshire Travel for Work Partnership:

TfW is a not-for-profit independent partnership hosted by the County Council, one of its ten partners. It is dedicated to working with employers to deliver and promote sustainable and healthy travel by employees. It delivers effective best practice in the workplace travel planning arena to its employer network of over 95 sites employing more than 65,000 commuters.

TfW provides free advice on increasing the range of travel options available to employees for commuting and travelling on business. TfW provides travel solutions and tools for Cambridgeshire employers and developers. The partnership helps employers prepare and implement effective travel initiatives that ease transport and access problems associated with existing sites and or new business developments. To find out more visit www.tfw.org.uk or contact Tony Clayton on 01223 715696 or email info@tfw.org.uk.

TfW works with employers to promote all forms of sustainable travel both for getting to and from work and for travelling on business. More information can be found at www.tfw.org.uk.