

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# LowCVP to celebrate UK's pacesetting adoption of low emission buses at LCV2016 Greener buses to transport delegates

Delegates at Cenex-LCV2016 (September 14-15) - the UK's largest technology showcasing and networking event for the low carbon vehicle community - will be transported in some of the latest examples of low emission bus technology which are now being adopted in large numbers by UK operators, thanks to an initiative by the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP).

Eight vehicles, exciting examples of the latest low emission bus technology - including parallel diesel hybrids, flywheel hybrid, biomethane and full electric buses - will be in operation, transporting delegates from the parking area to the main event.

Once they arrive at the show, delegates will be able to visit the LowCVP's Low Emission Bus Showcase (immediately behind the registration desk – stand C2/17) and meet leading representatives from the LowCVP's bus community including Volvo Bus, ADL and Optare.

Although older technology buses have historically contributed up to two-thirds of NOx emissions in the most densely trafficked areas, 40% of new buses sold in 2015 met the exacting requirements for low carbon qualification. The UK's success in rapidly transforming the UK bus market from a significant part of the emissions problem to being a vital component of the solutions for clean mobility, is a demonstration of effective collaboration between technology developers and policy makers.

The development of robust assessment processes such as the LowCVP's Low Emission Bus Test (to show how the Euro VI emissions systems deliver real world benefits), and the introduction of government support schemes (with LowCVP advice and support) such as the revision to the BSOG incentive<sup>1</sup> and the series of Green Bus Funds, have been important building blocks in this process.

The LowCVP Managing Director Andy Eastlake said: "Maintaining our ability to move around in increasingly congested towns and cities is more critical today than ever before. With road transport responsible for around a quarter of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions and up to 60% of roadside NOx pollution in many cities around the UK, the introduction of cleaner, low emission buses is a key component - and a good example - of how we can achieve a low emission transport future."

The LowCVP is also a collaborator in the UK Pavilion (Hall 3) at LCV2016. The Pavilion – a major new initiative from funding and policy-supporting bodies associated with the UK Government – will be a showcase for the entire UK innovation support ecosystem, from academia and research support through to commercialisation and mainstream adoption. It aims to demonstrate the Government's continued commitment to innovation and growth in the automotive industry in the UK.

Participants who will be exhibiting on the UK Pavilion include: Advanced Propulsion Centre and its Spokes Communities; Automotive Council; Centre for Connected & Autonomous Vehicles (CCAV); The Engineering

and Physical Research Council (EPSRC); Innovate UK; Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP); Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) and UK Trade & Investment (UKTI).

#### For more information about the UK Pavilion, see the APC's press release

**Visit the LowCVP stands at LCV2016 (LowCVP Bus Showcase – C2/17 and GREAT Pavilion – Hall three)** on September 14-15 (at Millbrook, Bedfordshire) where LowCVP staff and bus industry representatives will be on hand to help LCV delegates to connect, collaborate and influence the next generation of policy and to help replicate the success of low emission buses across all areas of road transport.

<u>Note 1</u>: The Bus Service Operators' Grant incentive is the way that government supports bus services in England.

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#### About the LowCVP

The LowCVP is a public-private, not-for-profit partnership that exists to accelerate a sustainable shift to lower carbon vehicles and fuels and create opportunities for UK businesses. The LowCVP has been - and continues to be - mainly funded by the Department for Transport but with increasing contributions via membership fees and sponsorship/project income. Approaching 200 organisations are members, from diverse backgrounds including automotive and fuel supply chains, vehicle users, academics and environment/not-for-profit bodies. For more information visit: <u>www.lowcvp.org.uk</u>

#### About LCV2016

The LCV event (<u>www.cenex-lcv.co.uk</u>) has established its unique positioning for the Low Carbon Vehicle community as the technology showcasing and networking event. LCV2016 will be the ninth in a series of national low carbon vehicle events run by Cenex. As the UK's Premier Low Carbon Vehicle Event, LCV attracts UK and international visitors and combines a technology exhibition with broad B2B focus, a Ride & Drive in a test-track environment, networking activities and an extensive seminar programme.

To keep up to date with Cenex's ninth Low Carbon Vehicle event, LCV2016, please visit <u>www.cenex-lcv.co.uk</u>, or follow @LCV\_event on Twitter.

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