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|  | http://i1.cmail2.com/ei/r/09/611/0B8/csimport/PaulEveritt_SMMTChiefExecutive191814.jpg |  | Welcome This week, the All-Party Parliamentary Motor Group (APMG) published its annual report following what has been a successful year for the group. Over the past 12 months, APMG members sparked several Parliamentary debates about issues crucial to our industry and hosted a number of important meetings that featured speakers from the Treasury, BIS and key automotive sectors.Also this week, SMMT released a taste of the millions of vehicle data records it holds. There are over 200 million historical records and 35 million records for vehicles currently on the road in the UK. The data showed that Chesterfield is the lowest carbon town in the UK, proportionally more motorists in Leeds favour pink cars than anywhere else and that there are less cars registered in Greater London today than there were five years ago.[Follow Paul on Twitter](http://smmtacuknewsletters.cmail2.com/t/r/l/juuhlid/njluytult/t/) |  |
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|  |  |  | Britain poised for global leadership in low carbon technologiesBritain is on the cusp of becoming a global leader in the development, manufacture and use of low carbon vehicles, according to Cenex, the UK’s Centre of Excellence for Low Carbon and Fuel Cell Technologies. The organisation added that this progress depends on consistent collaboration and investment from industry, government and early adopters. The assessment comes ahead of [LCV2011](http://smmtacuknewsletters.cmail2.com/t/r/l/juuhlid/njluytult/f/) , Cenex’s annual low carbon vehicle event, which will take place at Rockingham Race Circuit on 7-8 September. The 2011 event, themed ‘Moving towards sustainable growth’, will be opened by Mark Prisk, Minister for Business and Enterprise, addressing how the UK can maintain its current strength in the development and adoption of low carbon vehicle technology. To read the full story, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.cmail2.com/t/r/l/juuhlid/njluytult/z/) |  |
|  |  |  | Committee reports on government’s trade and investment strategyThe House of Commons Business Innovation and Skills Committee published a report this week into trade policy and government’s strategy to support UK exports. The Committee welcomed the direction of the new strategy, which it considered had gone some way to address business concerns. It also recognised innovative policies and a clearer focus across Whitehall on trade promotion. The Committee recommended that government should consider what incentives can be put in place to help companies to export their goods and services. To read the full story, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.cmail2.com/t/r/l/juuhlid/njluytult/v/) |  |
|  |  |  | SMMT's Industry Forum launches dedicated Learning CentreThe Industry Forum Learning Centre has officially opened its doors for business this week, offering an extensive choice of popular courses as well as a range of corporate facilities available to external companies. Situated in West Midlands and close to all major transport networks, the Learning Centre’s open courses have been designed to provide practical learning and development programmes to support the individual needs of employees as well as overall business goals. To find out more about the Industry Forum Learning Centre, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.cmail2.com/t/r/l/juuhlid/njluytult/e/) |  |
|  |  |  | Peers and MPs call on government to support UK AutomotiveA cross-party group of MPs and Peers have this week, published a report calling on government to support UK Automotive to ensure industry achieves its potential as a significant driver of growth. The report, [Driving growth: Future challenges and opportunities for UK automotive](http://smmtacuknewsletters.cmail2.com/t/r/l/juuhlid/njluytult/s/) , is based on the discussions of the All-Party Parliamentary Motor Group (APMG) with parliamentarians, ministers, officials, industry representatives and trade unions over the last year.  The report looks at the challenges and opportunities facing the UK automotive industry including investment, low carbon technology, skills and growth. To read the full story, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.cmail2.com/t/r/l/juuhlid/njluytult/g/) |  |
|  |  |  | Free webinar: Logistics Growth Review opportunitiesSMMT is hosting a free webinar on 20 July at 10:30 to assess how automotive companies can take advantage of fresh opportunities created by government’s recently announced Logistics Growth Review. The review will examine the conditions for logistics sector success and address barriers to growth in response to the increasing complexity and globalisation of supply chains. The webinar will cover a range of topics including opportunities for growth and expansion for VMs, SMEs and LSPs,  tackling barriers to international competitiveness and low carbon technologies. For further information and to register, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.cmail2.com/t/r/l/juuhlid/njluytult/w/) |  |
|  |  |  | Automotive Task Force releases updated industry guide on REACHThe Automotive Task Force on [REACH](http://smmtacuknewsletters.cmail2.com/t/r/l/juuhlid/njluytult/yd/) (TF-REACH) has this week published the latest version of the Automotive Industry Guideline (AIG) on REACH, to harmonise further the sector’s response to the regulation. In the more comprehensive third edition of the AIG, TF-REACH outlines its recommendations on numerous aspects of the regulation, taking into consideration the automotive industry’s specific criteria and tools. The updated version of the guide also includes advice regarding the notification of substances in articles plus authorisation and restriction procedures. It has a glossary of key terms, acronyms and flowcharts that will prove useful to vehicle manufacturers and suppliers that wish to understand the REACH compliance process. To read the full story, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.cmail2.com/t/r/l/juuhlid/njluytult/yh/) |  |
|  |  |  | Week in Brussels and WestminsterThis week in Brussels, new research published shows that Europe is in danger of falling behind in the green investment race, after a bumper year for renewable energy around the world. Last year, green investment surged by one-third to a record $211bn (£132bn), with a huge boost coming from investment in China, from where almost $50bn of the global total came, an increase of more than one-quarter on 2009. To read all the news from Brussels, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.cmail2.com/t/r/l/juuhlid/njluytult/yk/)This week in Westminster, Business Minister Mark Prisk launched the Talent Retention Solution (TRS), a new national web-based system that will help match skilled employees facing redundancy to UK companies in growing sectors of advanced manufacturing and engineering which are recruiting. To read all the news from Westminster, click [here.](http://smmtacuknewsletters.cmail2.com/t/r/l/juuhlid/njluytult/yu/) |  |
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