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| **Welcome** |
| Paul Everitt_NEWIt was great to see so many exhibitors, industry colleagues and visitors at the CV Show this week. The vibrant atmosphere, new launches and diverse range of vehicles and products on display showed that the commercial vehicle industry is beginning to bounce back from the downturn. Mike Penning, Transport Minister, attended the Show and the Automotive Council unveiled its CV and Off Highway Technology Roadmap, which details an industry consensus view on the move to lower carbon vehicles. Also this week, government announced the first wave of organisations that will benefit from Regional Growth Fund investment. UK automotive received a share of the funding with Bentley, Jaguar Land Rover,  Nissan and Vauxhall committing to plans that will create sustained economic growth and employment in areas around their manufacturing facilities.  Paul Everitt, Chief Executive |

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| **Low carbon future mapped out for CVs** |
| A long-term strategy to help commercial vehicle and construction equipment manufacturers move towards a low carbon future was published this week by the Automotive Council. The roadmap is the first to be published in Europe and outlines the drivers and timescales of technology development across the sector from delivery vans to bulldozers and trucks. The roadmap will be a useful tool in determining research priorities as well as helping vehicle manufacturers and the supply chain draft long-term business plans. To download the Commercial Vehicle and Off-Highway Technology Roadmap, click [here.](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1105154031111&s=0&e=001FXwynxNs6G04n2zbz-sDs9Ssoe9BTWkp2l_5UeAWyNNjMP5Z12oTQz7fmjjRPox38jmM0br-5yX4jBAACoKBooFfzXPEtunrGlZ63z_NtMrydanZc0MnBxP70z4Cg_4mIZ-PZmrgmMKgmgIlAeXbDg==) |

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| **UK automotive sector receives significant investment in regional jobs and growth** |
| Bentley, Jaguar Land Rover and Nissan have been confirmed among a list of 50 companies from across the UK that will receive government support in the first round of Regional Growth Fund (RGF) allocation. The announcement came following the first round of bids during which each of the companies demonstrated how they would create jobs, as well as ensure a high level of private sector-led sustainable economic growth in their local communities over the coming years. Over 100,000 new jobs will be created and safeguarded under plans announced by the Deputy Prime Minister that will see £450m invested in businesses across England. To read more, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1105154031111&s=0&e=001FXwynxNs6G04n2zbz-sDs9Ssoe9BTWkp2l_5UeAWyNNjMP5Z12oTQz7fmjjRPox38jmM0br-5yUw1DwqAoTCcT5YBdyoDl5YVPxxLj8jcMw=). |

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| **First MG rolls off Longbridge production line** |
| The first MG6 rolled off the production line at MG Motor's factory in Longbridge this week, marking the return of production at the UK-based facility. Some of the production of the MG6 will be in China, with the engine and electrics, as well as the testing, at Longbridge. To read more click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1105154031111&s=0&e=001FXwynxNs6G04n2zbz-sDs9Ssoe9BTWkp2l_5UeAWyNNjMP5Z12oTQz7fmjjRPox38jmM0br-5yWTgGcDhYyeG2MmFSXtZhK_rorcK6zyII0l47utDp-nHjCl4gFGo1PgfFMwEJBmIwuEil4966Ne7qIEqUd1U8sX2HYrtATrdR_nIjRynUTSOv_cUeu_FvtOT4qzJPiI36LaD8qLl20-3Q==). https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs041/1103225665917/img/85.jpg  |

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| **Motor Codes announces UK's Golden Garage** |
| The winner of the 2011 Golden Garages competition was announced this week after motorists in their thousands voted to find the UK's best car service centre. Clive Woolford Motor Engineers, was awarded the top acolade, beating stiff competition from 10 finalists, selected from regions across the UK. The finalists were independently assessed by the RAC, to monitor quality of service, value for money and overall customer satisfaction, before the Motor Codes juding panel named the top performer. To find out about this this year's competition, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1105154031111&s=0&e=001FXwynxNs6G04n2zbz-sDs9Ssoe9BTWkp2l_5UeAWyNNjMP5Z12oTQz7fmjjRPox38jmM0br-5yXkQdhnJ6AB2iB-_Q_aNOLeTwCETk2KtYKpprNQxoSd2E_GVbp6N4Mi).https://origin.ih.constantcontact.com/fs041/1103225665917/img/84.jpg |

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| **Motor industry facts 2011 illustrates vitality of UK's automotive industry** |
| This week, SMMT published it's 2011 edition of the 'Motor Industry Facts'. The 42 page booklet contains hundreds of the latest facts about the UK automotive industry. The latest figures, illustrate the full scope of industry, highlighting its ability to deliver superior automotive engineering, design and manufacturing across all automotive sectors. To download Motor Industry Facts 2011, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1105154031111&s=0&e=001FXwynxNs6G04n2zbz-sDs9Ssoe9BTWkp2l_5UeAWyNNjMP5Z12oTQz7fmjjRPox38jmM0br-5yWTgGcDhYyeG7wogOiRzfZc3IxT4LfoZhhuY9zxVzQ5WgGfUY3WWWUXpuV8pH-Ze-v0UJ7e0xSI5gft4is7kadx9EOrev2s5ZjYnghtRIa5dQ==).  |

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| **Europe's automotive manufacturers invite youth to shape the future of transport**  |
| Car, truck and bus makers have launched a campaign inviting young adults across Europe to share ideas about the future of transport and mobility. 'Our Future Mobility Now' seeks to give today's youth a voice about how to move people and goods in an increasingly fast-paced, connected and global world, responding to environmental, social and economic challenges at the same time. Through an online competition for the most creative, insightful ideas the automotive industry will invite up to 50 young people to a special launch event in Brussels in June to explore topics such as new mobility services, future skills, new technologies and connectivity. To read more about the campaign, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1105154031111&s=0&e=001FXwynxNs6G04n2zbz-sDs9Ssoe9BTWkp2l_5UeAWyNNjMP5Z12oTQz7fmjjRPox38jmM0br-5yUYbIkub97dhQa3SC38X4Aup9Yanv77k2TtE297Rt7MWg==). |

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| **Odette supply chain conference**  |
| This year's International Odette Conference for the global automotive supply chain will take place on 23 and 24 May in Lyon, France. The conference will include speakers representing the broad scope of the automotive industry, speaking and presenting on aspects of the global automotive supply chain and supply chain management. Confirmed participants include Continental, Denso, Fiat, HELLA, IVECO, Johnson Controls, Lear, MAGNA, MAN, Opel, Plastic Omnium, PSA Peugeot Citroёn, Renault, Renault Trucks, Robert Bosch and Volvo Cars. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about streamline practices for supply chain management and get an overview of the major trends in the global automotive sector. To attend, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1105154031111&s=0&e=001FXwynxNs6G04n2zbz-sDs9Ssoe9BTWkp2l_5UeAWyNNjMP5Z12oTQz7fmjjRPox38jmM0br-5yV1Yv6vTHuGKoe17AMssTx1_rLnI_C1Z1nJUMmHlkx7dnsaGCkv_FA7nOBx-8OYczXMtoPDHd4uzZjI3jxpxW667sD3gN8MXrU=).   |

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| **Week in Brussels and Westminster** |
| This week in Brussels, the EU Commission has adopted a proposal to revise the Energy Taxation Directive. The proposal seeks to revise the 2003 Energy Taxation Directive to promote energy efficiency and increase consumption of more environmentally friendly products. The Commission proposes to split the minimum tax rate for fuels into two elements based CO2 emissions and energy content. To read all of the news in Brussels, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1105154031111&s=0&e=001FXwynxNs6G04n2zbz-sDs9Ssoe9BTWkp2l_5UeAWyNNjMP5Z12oTQz7fmjjRPox38jmM0br-5yWTgGcDhYyeG7wogOiRzfZc3IxT4LfoZhhuY9zxVzQ5Wt8EYXl5vvWd0MZnUuoTAjdRkh2CU_BHWzV8niKkVQS1). This week in Westminster, Consumer Minister Edward Davey has announced new plans on how businesses will provide key information to their customers on how they use and buy goods and services. Within the plans, government has published details on reforming car labelling by supporting work to give consumers clearer information about the costs of running different cars. To read all of the news in Westminster, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=6lo4vodab&et=1105154031111&s=0&e=001FXwynxNs6G04n2zbz-sDs9Ssoe9BTWkp2l_5UeAWyNNjMP5Z12oTQz7fmjjRPox38jmM0br-5yWTgGcDhYyeG7wogOiRzfZc3IxT4LfoZhhuY9zxVzQ5Wt8EYXl5vvWdwhOZzxYhrkHBQLHfGy5H5pHe6ZVixiOs). |

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