



## **UKWF Presidents Report – October 2025**

You have probably noticed I'm not the Weighing Federation President you were expecting today. Don't worry, this isn't a coup. Tom Marren, our current President, unfortunately has urgent business to attend to within his own weighing company. He sends his sincere apologies for not being able to be here today. But I have promised him a full report of everything we discuss. It's a pleasure to stand in for him and chair this meeting.

So welcome to the UK Weighing Federation Regional Meeting. Thank you to everyone here for coming along today.

I really look forward to these meetings. For me, they sum up what the Federation is all about – meeting with each other, catching up on issues affecting the industry we all work in, and sharing insights and knowledge about what's happening in our world.

I look forward to chatting more with you all over the course of the afternoon.

It's been six months since we launched our new three year strategic plan at our AGM and Regional Meeting in York. That plan is continuing to provide the blueprint for what we're doing as a Federation.

You'll be hearing updates on the core ambitions and activities outlined in that plan from our team today – but I just wanted to highlight a few areas of progress.

I hope everyone saw the launch of our new UKWF showcase video last month. Our new Strategic Plan commits us to promoting the reputation of our industry not just within weighing, but to our customers and regulators – and the video is designed to help us do just that. I want to personally thank everyone who took part in the video – never an easy thing to be on film but you all represented the Federation and the benefits we deliver to member brilliantly.

**Lets have a look at the video now for those who haven't seen it.**

So a big thank you to Kevin Cartwright, Tony Goodman, Nick Catt, Lucy Bennett-Poole, Yasmin Golder, Keith Gresham and of course, our President, Tom Marren.

The purpose of our video is not only to showcase the benefits of being a UKWF members, but also to demonstrate what UKWF membership signifies.

The weighing companies in the Federation are the best in the business – consistently achieving the highest standards in compliance, quality and accuracy. And I'm equally proud of the role the Federation takes in supporting you all to achieve this.

You'll also have seen recent updates to our membership criteria – mainly for international and associate members, but also some changes to our ordinary membership that we hope will further cement the reputation of our members in providing the highest quality standards in the industry.

There'll be plenty of opportunity to discuss those this afternoon during our roundtable session – which I'll speak more about in a minute.

The Product Regulation and Legal Metrology Bill is now law. Ian and Katie have been talking to Government about what their intentions might be in terms of using it to update any legal metrology regulations and law. So far, we understand that legal metrology reform isn't a priority – but the work the team have put into building a good working relationship with the Department for Business and Trade means we're well placed to anticipate and prepare for any changes in future.

Our close partnership work with CECIP is part of what allows us to provide up to date advice and support to our members post-Brexit. Ian will be providing a full update on EU developments in his presentation later.

Ian will also be representing UKWF at the International Conference of Weighing next year in Japan – which is a great opportunity to shore up our growing reputation as a global leader in weighing industry standards.

As you'll see from the agenda, we have a presentation this afternoon from Nigel Addison-Evans, from Optimised. Nigel is a consultant focused on helping his clients get to grips with NetZero strategies and reducing their carbon footprint.

This is something which I think will remain relevant to all manufacturers for years to come, and I'm really looking forward to hearing his insights today.

For our traditional roundtable sessions this afternoon, we'd love to hear your views on where we've got to with our Enhanced Code of Practice project. Ian will be presenting on this, and the Roundtables will be a chance to comment and ask questions about the proposal and where we've got it.

You'll notice from the agenda that we've broadened out our roundtable topics a bit. While weighing is our core business, we also know that many of our members fall into the Small to Medium-Size Enterprise category of business.

I think it's fair to say that in general, our business and economic environment in the UK in general is challenging right now. While we'll of course be talking weighing issues in our roundtable, we'd also love to hear your thoughts more generally on operating conditions for SMEs, and where challenges lay.

It really helps us to put issues with weighing regulation into a broader context when we speak to Government, as well as helping us to represent our industry in general.

Finally for the Roundtable – we'd love to hear more from you on what you'd like to see from the UKWF. Our work programme and priorities are informed by our members – if there's something we should be doing to support you and your company more – we really encourage you to raise that during this session.

Thanks again for everyone for joining us today. Your contribution to the Federation and its success is very much appreciated by the Board and the great team that work with us.

Thank you

Graham Spink, UKWF Director