

GeoPlace launches new service to help councils with business rates

GeoPlace has launched a new service to work with councils to provide a targeted report on properties missing from their business rates registers. Most councils have a ratings shortfall, business rates that should be collected but for one reason or another aren't. GeoPlace's new service will help councils identify these gaps in the collection of non-domestic rates, resulting in an improved ratings list for councils. With its new service, GeoPlace uses its expertise in data mining and analytics to undertake an in-depth audit of council held data to strip out the 'possibles' and provide the 'probables' of properties missing from the business rates register. By returning a qualified list with minimal false positives, officer time is reduced during follow-up investigations. www.geoplace.co.uk



EarthSense Air Pollution Sensors Evidence Clean Air Initiatives

In close collaboration with resident groups, television producers and personality Dr Xand van Tulleken, **EarthSense Systems** has demonstrated the effectiveness of community action to tackle localised air quality issues. The initiative demonstrates the challenges faced by typical urban communities with congested high streets and busy shopping areas. "We need to reinvent our high streets and communities to encourage relaxing and enjoyable environments, and clean and healthy air is a key part of the package. The EarthSense air quality sensors provide a tangible way of recording and presenting evidence which can be used to plan and promote further initiatives," commented **Professor Roland Leigh, Technical Director of EarthSense Systems**. "This programme clearly demonstrates the positive outcomes that can be achieved as a result of community action." www.earthsense.co.uk

James Frew Targets Continued Fleet Improvement With Ctrack

James Frew, one of the largest privately owned building services companies in Scotland, has awarded a five-year contract extension to **Ctrack** for the provision of an advanced telematics system. Ctrack Online was initially adopted as part of a wider fleet improvement strategy designed to target a range of efficiency savings, improvements in health and safety, and enhanced duty of care. James Frew has achieved

a wide range of operational savings and safety improvements since using the web-based **Ctrack Online** vehicle tracking system to monitor driver behaviour and better engage with the mobile engineers. As a result, the company experienced a dramatic drop in fuel usage, as well as reducing road collisions, increasing staff well being and lowering insurance premiums and maintenance costs. www.ctrack.co.uk



OceanWise launches Port-Log Connect

OceanWise's latest product launch enhances its commitment to continually support the development of environmental data monitoring services in Ports and Harbours. **Port-Log Connect** delivers reliable data direct from source to system. It resolves current limitations such as requiring a direct line of site between the tide gauge and survey vessel and the increasingly unreliable, over saturated, UHF transmission frequencies. OceanWise's Port-Log Connect, coupled with **Portable Tide Gauges** use GPRS, providing a cost-effective solution, which eliminates the shortcomings and ensures bi-directional, reliable, accessible telemetry. Port-Log is a quick and easy storage and publishing solution for environmental data acquired by different monitoring techniques and sensors. It can be provided as pure cloud-based subscription service, or as an in-house installed system. www.oceanwise.eu



GIS for Government Conference

Cadcorp is running a free-to-attend conference for those working in central or local government who want to learn more about GIS. For government departments and local authorities, improving public services against a backdrop of constrained resources is a challenge. It calls for innovation, streamlining of processes and collaborative working. The Cadcorp conference will look at GIS as more than a location intelligence tool but as a means to promote better collaboration. This includes: Mapping integration with existing systems; Web Service connectivity; Interoperability with existing back office systems; Collaboration with partner technology. The conference will be held in Liverpool on 17th April 2018 and then in London on 26th April 2018. For more information and to book a place visit <http://cdcp.io/gisgov18> www.cadcorp.com

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