

Transport for London

Minutes of the Safety, Health and Environment Committee

Boardroom, 14th Floor Windsor House, London
2.00pm, Tuesday 4 March 2008

Members

Dave Wetzel	Chair, Board Member
Kirsten Hearn	Board Member
Paul Moore	Board Member
Tony West	Board Member

In Attendance

Lord Toby Harris	Board Adviser
Gordon Sellers	Committee Adviser
Brian Wilkinson	Committee Adviser

Staff

David Brown	Managing Director, Surface Transport
Ian Brown	Managing Director, London Rail
Howard Carter	General Counsel
Tim O'Toole	Managing Director, London Underground
Richard Stephenson	Director, Group Health, Safety and Environment

James Varley	Secretariat Officer
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01/03/08 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

No apologies for absence had been received.

No interests were declared.

02/03/08 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 13 November 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

03/03/08 Matters Arising and Actions List

Members were provided with an update on the following outstanding actions:

87/11/07 Investigate the possibility of buses carrying warning signs.

There was no legal requirement to carry warning signs and there were additional safety implications from their usage.

52/03/07 Review final report from the Cumbria train crash.

This action would be closed out once the report has been published.

[ACTION: Tim O'Toole]

The Committee noted the actions list.

04/03/08 SHEC Annual Agenda Plan 2008/09

Richard Stephenson introduced the item. The Committee agreed two further items for the future agenda. The Committee Advisers would report on assurance of HSE matters at the July meeting and a report from the Workplace Violence Unit would be on the agenda for the September meeting.

[ACTION: Richard Stephenson]

The Committee noted the report.

05/03/08 Health and Safety in Business Planning Guidelines for 2009/10 and Forward

Richard Stephenson introduced the report.

The Committee noted the report.

06/03/08 London Underground Quarter 3 SHEC Report

Tim O'Toole introduced the report and explained that Quarter 3 performance had been good. The recent SHEC visit to the Workplace Violence Unit had gone well. The unit was unique in its ability to provide a comprehensive service.

Discussions with the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority regarding the risk management of the Step Free programme had been positive and agreement had been reached.

A report had been issued covering the use of traction current indicators in maintenance vehicles which would be followed up.

Analysis showed that increases in the number of passenger journeys resulted in a greater increase in Platform Train Interface incidents and London Underground would be looking at methods of assessing critical crowding levels and mitigating actions.

The volume of public address system announcements continued to make up a significant proportion of environmental complaints. It was a relatively new matter resulting from improvements to speaker systems on the platforms. Actions were being taken to address the issue.

The Committee noted the report.

07/03/08 Surface Transport Quarter 3 SHEC Report

David Brown introduced the report and explained that the introduction of the Low Emission Zone had been successful. Following a transitional period, penalty notices would be issued from April 2008.

Work was ongoing in relation to the introduction of the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations (ROGS). There were a number of aspects of the Regulations that required further work and discussions were taking place with the Department for Transport. David Brown undertook to report to the Committee Advisers on the implications of Safety Authorisation and Certification requirements for tram systems. **[ACTION: David Brown]**

In response to a question from the Committee, David Brown agreed to examine how the Construction Design and Management regulations were being applied to the Streets directorate. **[ACTION: David Brown]**

There had been three fire incidents involving buses. One incident had received media attention because it occurred on an articulated bus. The publicised incident was associated with a heater and was not a problem specific to articulated buses.

The Committee noted the report.

08/03/08 London Rail Quarter 3 SHEC Report

Ian Brown introduced the report. A three month review of London Overground Rail Operations Limited (LOROL) was scheduled for a future Board meeting. There had been no staff assaults on DLR and assaults were also in decline on the North London Line.

The number of contractors' RIDDOR incidents had decreased from seven in the previous period to three in this reporting period. However, the relatively low numbers of incidents meant that variations were unlikely to be statistically significant.

Good progress had been made in formulating an emissions model for rail developments in collaboration with the Rail Safety Standards Board.

The Committee noted the report.

09/03/08 Corporate Directorates Quarter 3 SHEC Report

Howard Carter introduced the report. The Climate Change Fund's Approvals Group had agreed a number of projects. A copy of the summary report on the Fund's activities to date would be circulated to the Advisers once available.

[ACTION: Richard Stephenson]

The Committee noted the report.

10/03/08 Update on Sustainability Matters

Richard Stephenson introduced the report.

The Committee noted the report.

11/03/08 Any Other Business

No additional items of business were raised and the meeting closed at 3.15pm.

Chair: _____

Date: _____