

Board

**Transport
for London**



Date: 27 March 2013

Item 21: Report of the meeting of the Safety and Sustainability Panel held on 19 March 2013

This paper will be considered in public

1 Summary

- 1.1 To report to the Board on the meeting of the Safety and Sustainability Panel held on 19 March 2013.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Board note the report.**

3 Background

- 3.1 The main matters considered by the Panel were:
- (a) Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Reports for Quarter 3, 2012/13;
 - (b) Workplace Assaults;
 - (c) Equality and Accessibility Plans;
 - (d) TfL's Approach to Addressing Air Quality and CO₂ Challenges in London;
 - (e) Quarterly Resilience Report;
 - (f) Road Safety Plan Update; and
 - (g) Crossrail Student Safety.

4 Issues Discussed

Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Reports for Quarter 3, 2012/13

- 4.1 The Panel noted the quarterly HSE reports for Quarter 3, 2012/13, for London Underground, Surface Transport, London Rail, Crossrail and the Corporate directorates. Items discussed included:
- (a) the approach used for passengers taken ill on trains – passengers would, in the majority of circumstances, be treated more effectively once they had been removed from a train;

- (b) the success of pedestrian countdown. Crossings had become clearer and in addition to improving safety it had also contributed to smoothing traffic flows;
- (c) the reduction in bus related crime. Drug offences had increased, but this was attributable to proactive policing activity;
- (d) the 'People versus Plant' initiative had gone well and was being closely monitored; and
- (e) the Crossrail Road Safety Initiative on road vehicle safety measures to provide greater safety for cyclists, which had won the Institute of Occupational Health and Safety Best Achievement in Transport and Logistics Award.

Workplace Assaults

- 4.2 The Panel noted the paper, which provided an update on TfL's activities to reduce the risk of workplace assaults and take action when an assault had taken place.

Equality and Accessibility Plans

- 4.3 The Panel noted the paper, which provided an overview of the plan for the coming year. Stakeholder engagement was a key part of the plans and included activities such as sub-regional mobility forums and Citizens Juries. The Panel suggested additional ways to identify and encourage more stakeholders to take part in the engagement process. Work was also taking place to analyse grievances and shape appropriate actions.

TfL's Approach to Addressing Air Quality and CO2 Challenges in London

- 4.4 The Panel noted the paper, which outlined the progress to reduce emissions of air pollutants and greenhouse gases in line with the Mayor's commitments. TfL was looking at developing an integrated plan for its own vehicle fleet and other vehicles in London. In addition, a feasibility study into an Ultra Low Emission Zone was underway. The Panel stressed the need for effective and clear communication to increase the public's awareness of pollutant level issues.

Quarterly Resilience Report

- 4.5 The Panel noted the Resilience Report, which updated it on developments on resilience matters relevant to TfL since the last meeting. The recent helicopter crash at Vauxhall had demonstrated a joined up response to the incident. New Year's Eve had gone well with all the agencies involved working well together.

Road Safety Plan Update

- 4.6 The Panel noted the paper which outlined the progress being made with the road safety plan. Stakeholder engagement had taken place and the plan was being finalised with the Greater London Authority. The Panel discussed the

benefits of a Zero Target and the need for education for road users, as road usage patterns change.

Crossrail Student Safety

- 4.7 The Advisers to the Panel asked about safety training for PhD Students who were studying the Crossrail Project. Assurance was given that rigorous standards were applied, and failure to meet them would result in the removal of the student from the programme.

List of appendices to this report:

None

List of Background Papers:

Papers for the meeting of the Safety and Sustainability Panel held on 19 March 2013.

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