

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

BOARD

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 22 JULY 2008

DATE: 30 JULY 2008

1 PURPOSE AND DECISION REQUIRED

- 1.1 To report to the Board on the Safety, Health and Environment Committee (SHEC) meeting held on 22 July 2008. The Board is asked to note the report.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Committee meets quarterly to satisfy itself, on behalf of the TfL Board, that the TfL Group is properly discharging its duties in relation to Health, Safety and Environment (HSE), Resilience and Sustainability Matters as set out in the Committee's Terms of Reference.
- 2.2 The main matters considered at the meeting on 22 July 2008 were the Annual HSE Assurance Letters, TfL's HSE Policy Statement review, the quarterly HSE reports, the SHEC Advisers' report on the provision of assurance on HSE and an update on Sustainability Matters.

3 MATTERS ADDRESSED

Annual HSE Assurance Letters

- 3.1 The process for the preparation of the HSE Assurance Letters was outlined. All the Letters were completed and submitted to the Commissioner as part of each Modal Business Management Review process prior to presentation to the Committee.
- 3.2 The contents of the London Underground, Surface Transport, London Rail and the Corporate Directorates' Letters were discussed. The Committee recognised the value of the Letters and recommended that Surface Transport and the Corporate Directorates each produce a single Letter next year. The Committee also requested that the efforts to increase alignment of the content of the Letters should continue.
- 3.3 The Committee noted the HSE Assurance Letters.

TfL's HSE Policy Statement Review

- 3.4 In March 2008, the TfL Group HSE Policy Statement was reviewed by the Modes and the Commissioner. The Committee reviewed the TfL Group HSE Policy Statement and approved it without change.

The Quarterly HSE Reports

- 3.5 The quarterly reports provide an update to SHEC on any significant matters from the reporting quarter. A full report on HSE activities and performance is produced annually.
- 3.6 The Committee recognised the good safety performance shown by London Underground, noting the fact that there were no customer fatalities in 2007/08 for the first time in four years. The Committee also noted the good safety performance of Metronet in the period prior to, and immediately after, transition into TfL.
- 3.7 The successful implementation of the second phase of the London Low Emission Zone with high levels of compliance within a week of its introduction was noted.
- 3.8 The Committee discussed the increased policing activity in the Modes, including checking for individuals carrying knives and noted that Croydon Tramlink is now within London Rail and health and safety management is being reviewed.
- 3.9 The Committee noted the contents of the Quarterly HSE Reports.

The SHEC Advisers' Report on HSE Assurance

- 3.10 At the Committee meeting in March 2008, the Members asked the SHEC Advisers to review the provision of HSE assurance in TfL and to produce a report.
- 3.11 The Advisers' conclusions following their review were that in almost all respects TfL meets best practice for assurance of its management of HSE. In addition, TfL takes a fully responsible and innovative approach to the way it addresses sustainability matters. They further concluded that if the recommendations in the report are implemented, then TfL will meet best practice in all respects. It was agreed that the recommendations in the report would be implemented.
- 3.12 The Committee noted the content of the report.

Update on Sustainability Matters

- 3.13 The report updated the Committee on recent activities in relation to travel demand management, promotion of more Sustainable modes, climate change and environment matters, health and wellbeing and mainstreaming Sustainability into Business planning processes.
- 3.14 The Committee noted the content of the report.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Board is asked to NOTE the content of this report.