

Transport for London

Minutes of the Rail and Underground Panel

Boardroom, 14th Floor, Windsor House, London
2.00pm, Wednesday 1 May 2013

Members

Sir John Armitt CBE	Chair
Brendan Barber	Panel Member
Richard Barnes	Panel Member
Charles Belcher	Panel Member
Brian Cooke	Panel Member

Staff

Mike Brown	Managing Director, Rail and Underground
Howard Carter	General Counsel
Gareth Powell	Director of Strategy and Service Development, London Underground
Rachel Stretton	Head of Operational Finance, London Underground
James Varley	Secretariat Officer

07/05/13 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Steve Wright (Vice Chair), Peter Anderson, Isabel Dedring, Daniel Moylan and Steve Allen.

The following interests were declared: Sir John Armitt as Chairman of National Express Group.

08/05/13 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 22 March 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

09/05/13 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

10/05/13 Managing Director's Report – Rail and Underground

Mike Brown introduced the report, which highlighted performance for the year 2012/13 and items of special interest in periods 12 and 13 (3 February to 31 March 2013).

London Underground service performance remained strong, maintaining its highest score on record. The strong performance would underpin efforts for achieving the Mayor's reliability targets.

Performance on London Rail was also good and progress was being made with the London Overground Capacity Improvement Programme. The opening of three lifts at Crystal Palace station had taken place, making the station access step-free. The retail space and station improvements had a marked effect on station ambience and its heightened role in the local community.

The Northern line upgrade was performing well. The new signalling system had been installed on the High Barnet – West Finchley section and the reliability trend was positive. Slippage in the signalling system programme had been recovered. Richard Barnes would be provided with a note on progress with the project.

[Action: Mike Brown]

The Bank Station Capacity Upgrade was progressing. Tenders had been received. The response from the market place was encouraging and the structure of the programme enabled London Underground to take advantage of innovation in design and construction. A paper would be presented to a future meeting of the Panel giving further detail of the benefits of the approach being used.

[Action: Mike Brown]

The Panel congratulated Mike Brown on being named 'Rail Executive of the Year' at the Metro Awards in Madrid and noted the various awards given to London Underground.

Dialogue continued with the Department for Transport with regard to rail devolution. The Panel noted that the concept of devolved powers was not unique to London and that Transport for Greater Manchester was also advocating the concept.

Work was also taking place on the use of freight paths on the North London Line. The current method of allocation did not incentivise operators to use the paths or hand them back if they were not needed.

Passenger numbers on London Underground continued to grow. The rate of growth was showing signs of slowing and the situation was being monitored.

The Panel noted the report.

11/05/13 Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.30pm. The next scheduled meeting would be held on Thursday 11 July 2013 at 10.00am.

Chair: _____

Date: _____