

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

BOARD

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - 22 JULY 2009

DATE: 29 JULY 2009

1 PURPOSE AND DECISION REQUIRED

- 1.1 To report to the Board on the Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting held on 22 July 2009. The Board is asked to note the report.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The main matters considered at the SHEC meeting on 22 July 2009 were a Review of Terms of Reference, Quarterly HSE Reports, Annual HSE Assurance Letters and Swine Flu Update.
- 2.2 Members welcomed the Commissioner, who attends the meeting annually for discussion of the HSE Assurance Letters submitted to him by each Managing Director.

3 MATTERS ADDRESSED

Review of Terms of Reference

- 3.1 In the light of changes to TfL's Committee and Panel arrangements, the Committee reviewed and noted the new Terms of Reference which included a change to the title of the Committee. The new title, Safety, Health and Environment Assurance Committee (SHEAC), recognises more explicitly the Committee's assurance role in relation to HSE.
- 3.2 The Committee noted the report.

The Quarterly HSE Reports

- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 London Underground, Surface Transport, London Rail, Crossrail and the Corporate Directorates submitted quarterly reports on HSE performance which were discussed.
- 3.5 **London Underground** reported that all safety key performance indicators were stable or improving during 2008/09 (and in the quarter) and were on or better than target.
- 3.6 Members discussed CO₂ and energy management issues. The overall picture of CO₂ emissions and the action that TfL is taking in relation to carbon emissions and modal shift would be reported to the new Environment and Planning Panel.

- 3.7 **Surface Transport** reported that the number of bus collisions with low bridges fell from nine incidents in 2007/08 to three in 2008/09 - the lowest in five years. The installation of the low bridge warning facility as part of the iBus system was considered to have contributed to this reduction.
- 3.8 **London Rail** reported that a carbon footprinting report had been completed for London Tramlink which identified a series of projects that could be taken forward to reduce emissions of CO₂. The report enables a better understanding of the current impact of Tramlink services and infrastructure to be achieved, and areas which could be targeted to gain the greatest impact.
- 3.9 **Crossrail** reported that the Crossrail Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (CDM) Co-ordinators had been engaged in the design and risk review meetings for a number of the Crossrail work packages. They had reviewed Pre-Construction Information Packs produced by the design teams as part of the invitation to tender process for the advanced works packages for Pudding Mill Lane, Farringdon, Liverpool Street and Whitechapel Street Stations.
- 3.10 **Corporate Directorates** reported that, in collaboration with Tube Lines Distribution Services and the Institute of Advanced Motorists, work on the development of an online interactive driver/rider assessment tool was concluded to address occupational road risks for employees driving/riding at work.
- 3.11 Members welcomed the increased reporting on environmental performance and the new Data Summary Appendix, which assisted in the comparison of key health and safety data across the modes.
- 3.12 The Committee noted the contents of the quarterly HSE Reports.

Annual HSE Assurance Letters

- 3.13 The Committee noted the Annual HSE Assurance Letters by each modal Managing Director, which had been submitted to the Commissioner to review.
- 3.14 On the London Underground Letter, Members agreed that a note be provided at the end of the year informing them of how the integration of Metronet into LU had progressed.
- 3.15 Crossrail confirmed that by the end of July 2009, it would have in place integrated audits of health, safety and environment and that a selection process was underway to determine which auditor Crossrail could use at a good value.
- 3.16 Members agreed that a report be provided to a future meeting on TfL's approach to environmental issues in construction works.
- 3.17 The Committee thanked the Managing Directors for providing the HSE Assurance Letters in a clear, uniform format.

Swine Flu Update

- 3.18 The Committee considered a report which updated Members on TfL's planning and preparations following the outbreak of swine flu and its subsequent classification as a pandemic.
- 3.19 On the basis of the plans in place and the Government's planning assumptions with regard to the level and severity of infections, the expectation is that services will continue normally.

3.20 The Committee commended all involved for the foresight and preparedness of TfL in resilience planning on this issue.

3.21 The Committee noted the report.

4 RECOMMENDATION

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

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