

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: SPENDING REVIEW AND IMPACTS ON HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

DATE: 7 OCTOBER 2010

1 PURPOSE AND DECISION REQUIRED

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the processes in place to ensure that all spending reduction decisions that might arise as a result of spending reviews do not adversely affect Health Safety or Environmental (HSE) matters.
- 1.2 The Committee is asked to note the paper.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Recognising that the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review will be announced in late October, the Committee, at its 20 July meeting, requested that the business areas outline the processes in place to ensure that all decisions to reduce spending that might arise as a result of spending reviews do not adversely affect HSE matters.

3 LONDON UNDERGROUND

- 3.1 When the budget is near final, it will be subject to the London Underground change assurance plan review and challenge process to ensure that all HSE aspects are considered and any issues identified are satisfactorily resolved. This is done by the Directors Risk Assurance and Change Control Team (DRACCT). In the unlikely event that an HSE issue cannot be addressed by DRACCT, the matter is to be referred to a London Underground Executive meeting for resolution.
- 3.2 There are no such issues outstanding at present.

4 SURFACE TRANSPORT

- 4.1 Surface Transport is continuing to review all projects and programmes at the Surface Board to determine if they should be continued and to look for opportunities on how they can be delivered more efficiently.
- 4.2 A number of factors are considered, including the potential implications for HSE. Maintenance programmes are also reviewed to ensure that asset performance is not affected.
- 4.3 There are no such issues outstanding at present.

5 LONDON RAIL

- 5.1 In London Rail, the majority of service delivery sits with private sector contractors, who are closely monitored and managed by London Rail sub mode client teams. This has proved successful, with the contractors understanding the importance of HSE to their effective service delivery.
- 5.2 Governance, direction and oversight of the business by London Rail ensures that HSE remains core to the business.
- 5.3 Changes in organisation and process are taken through a change control procedure that ensures safety is considered throughout the change, both within the concessionaires and the client teams. At the quarterly finance reviews the ability of the business to operate safely is considered at Director level, and funds are allocated to core safety tasks, which are themselves aligned to the core risk management framework.
- 5.4 There are no such issues outstanding at present.

6 CROSSRAIL

- 6.1 The Crossrail Project Change Panel reviews any change which impacts on the cost, design or scope of the projects being constructed by Crossrail. This panel has representatives from all key departments, including HSE. If an issue arose at this committee which could not be resolved by it and which had an impact on HSE, the issue would be raised to the Board's Health, Safety and Environment Committee.
- 6.2 In addition, any change to organisation size or responsibilities is reviewed to ensure appropriate management of the change and appropriate consideration of HSE issues.
- 6.3 There are no such outstanding issues at present.

7 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to NOTE the paper.

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