

Transport for London

Minutes of the Safety and Sustainability Panel

Boardroom, 14th Floor, Windsor House, London
11.00am, Tuesday 10 July 2012

Members

Charles Belcher	Chair
Patrick O’Keeffe	Vice Chair

In Attendance

Gordon Sellers	Adviser
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Staff

Martin Brown	Director of Health, Safety and Environment, London Rail
Howard Carter	General Counsel
James Christian	Health and Safety Data, Systems and Improvements Team Manager, Crossrail
Leon Daniels	Managing Director, Surface Transport
Mike Strzelecki	Director of Health, Safety and Environment
Mike Weston	Operations Director, Surface Transport
James Varley	Secretariat Officer

01/07/12 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Baroness Grey Thompson, Bob Oddy, and Mike Brown.

Gordon Sellers declared an interest as an adviser to the National Grid. There were no other interests to be declared that were relevant to the items on the agenda.

The Chair welcomed Members to this, the first meeting of the Panel and thanked the Chair and Members of the former Safety, Health and Environment Assurance Committee.

Howard Carter advised Members that the meeting was not quorate, however, the decisions made by Members could be ratified at the next meeting of the Panel.

02/07/12 Minutes of the Meeting of the Safety, Health and Environment Committee Held on 6 March 2012

The minutes of the Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting held on 6 March 2012 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

03/07/12 Matters Arising and Actions List

Mike Strzelecki informed the Panel that the Safety Climate survey results showed an improvement in the safety culture and this was being fed into the improvement plan. An executive summary would be circulated to the Panel in due course.

[ACTION: Mike Strzelecki]

The Panel noted the Actions List.

04/07/12 London Underground Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 4 2011/12

Mike Strzelecki introduced the report for London Underground. Performance remained stable or improving in most areas. The decision by the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) to prosecute LU, amongst other parties, was not unexpected and the situation bore similarities with a recent prosecution of Mersey Rail.

The ORR had also issued an Improvement Notice to LU regarding an incident at Ruislip depot which led to a Train Maintainer receiving an electric shock. LU had an action plan in place to comply with the notice.

Members noted that waste recycling targets has been exceeded over the period.

The number of physical assaults on staff had reduced by 19 per cent in the quarter. This was the result of the training programme which focussed on a non confrontational approach. Elements of the training programme were being extended to the Games Travel Ambassador induction.

The Panel noted the report.

05/07/12 Surface Transport Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 4 2011/12

Leon Daniels introduced the report and drew the Panel's attention to the downward trend in the number of people killed or seriously injured on the roads. The real time bus information service has contributed to keeping streets safer by allowing people to plan their walking journey to bus stops. Work had been progressing on engaging businesses and to communicate air quality issues and the aims of TfL in improving air quality.

The age limits for licensed taxis was not having a negative effect on overall taxi numbers. Further information about the progress of this part of the Mayor's Air Quality Strategy would be provided to Members.

[Action: Leon Daniels]

It was recognised that buses contributed a significant proportion of pollution and the introduction of hybrid buses was making a positive impact. The New Bus for London was designed with a hybrid engine and work was taking place to retro-fit hybrid engines into the existing fleet.

Work was taking place to re-engineer certain parts of the Cycle Superhighway network. However, it was recognised that this would not resolve all of the issues and that the next stage would be to prioritise road users at key points on the network.

The Panel noted the report.

06/07/12 London Rail Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 4 2011/12

Martin Brown introduced the report and highlighted the work taking place by LOROL on reducing the number of Signal Passed at Danger (SPAD) incidents. LOROL was also focussing on door irregularities and examining possible solutions to allow selective door opening.

The Panel noted the report.

07/07/12 Crossrail Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 4 2011/12

James Christian introduced the report and highlighted the work done on achieving high levels of compliance to the vehicles safety kit requirements. Recent studies had shown a compliance rate of 99.4 per cent. London Underground was using a similar standard and had introduced the 20 point kit into new contract specifications. Work was taking place to understand why non compliance still existed.

In response to a request from the Panel, future reports would include a separate item on activity relating the use of the tunnel boring machines. **[Action: James Christian]**

Regular HSE forums took place with contractors and training took place to teach reporting techniques. The HSE regime was an excellence based model that encouraged best practice.

The Panel noted the report.

08/07/12 Corporate Directorates Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 4 2011/12

Howard Carter introduced the report and highlighted the success of the recent health fairs.

The Panel noted the report.

09/07/12 Any Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12:05pm. The next scheduled meeting would be held on Thursday 27 September 2012 at 10.00am.

Chair: _____

Date: _____