

# Transport for London

## Minutes of the Safety, Health and Environment Assurance Committee

Boardroom 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Windsor House, London  
10.00am, Thursday 15 December 2011

### Members

Tony West	Chair
Judith Hunt	Vice Chair
Claudia Arney	Member
Charles Belcher	Member (for part)
Baroness Grey-Thompson	Member (for part)
Patrick O'Keeffe	Member

### In Attendance

Shaun McCarthy	Committee Adviser
Gordon Sellers	Committee Adviser
Kulveer Ranger	Mayor's Director of Environment and Digital London (for part)

### Staff

Martin Brown	Director Health, Safety and Environment, London Rail
Howard Carter	General Counsel
Clive Castell	Interim Health and Safety Director, Crossrail
Leon Daniels	Managing Director, Surface Transport
Mike Strzelecki	Director of Health, Safety and Environment
Lucinda Turner	Head of Sub-Regional Strategy and Policy, Planning (for part)
Mike Weston	Operations Director, London Buses, Surface Transport
Victoria Moss	Secretariat Officer

### 43/12/11 Welcome

The Chair informed the Committee that for future meetings, if Mike Brown was unable to attend, either Howard Collins or another London Underground/London Rail Director would attend to deputise for him.

Clive Castell, the interim Health and Safety Director at Crossrail, was welcomed to the meeting.

### 44/12/11 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Bob Oddy, Mike Brown and Andrew Wolstenholme.

Tony West declared an interest as a member of Bexley Council's Public Transport Sub-

Committee. Baroness Grey-Thompson declared an interest as Vice Chair of the Athletes' Committee for the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG). Gordon Sellers declared an interest as a Safety Adviser to National Grid.

#### **45/12/11      Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 October 2011**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **46/12/11      Matters Arising and Actions List**

##### 40/10/11 – 2012 Games Resilience Assurance

Leon Daniels confirmed that the deployment of Dial-a-Ride vehicles, as an element of journey planning for disabled visitors to the 2012 Games, was still under consideration.

##### 55/12/10 – London Underground Rail Grinder Incident

Mike Strzelecki reported that all but one of the recommendations resulting from the Rail Accident Investigation Branch's investigation had been the same as those from London Underground's investigation. The additional recommendation addressed the assurance of sub-contractors' work. All recommendations had now been actioned.

**The Committee noted the Actions List.**

#### **47/12/11      Air Quality**

Kulveer Ranger, the Mayor's Director of Environment and Digital London, introduced the paper briefing the Committee on the implementation of the Mayor's Air Quality Strategy and discussions with central government and stakeholders. Kulveer Ranger emphasised the requirements of European legislation and the importance of improved air quality for Londoners' quality of life. The Committee discussed various initiatives such as the Low Emission Zone, bus retrofitting, the use of dust suppressants and age limits for taxis.

TfL was working with London boroughs to share and analyse information, including data on air quality hotspots along the Barclays Cycle Superhighways. It was proposed that identification of these hotspots would lead to incremental remedial steps for those routes running through the hotspots.

The 'No idling' campaign, due to be launched by TfL in January 2012, was supported by Asthma UK and the Royal College of Physicians and encouraged all motorists in London to switch off their engines when stationary. Posters for this campaign would be sent to Members for their information. **[ACTION: Secretariat]**

The Chair thanked Kulveer Ranger for his paper and requested that he continue to appropriately pressure the Government in relation to this issue. The paper on air quality would be circulated to the Board and regular reports on air quality would be added to the Committee's forward plan. **[ACTION: Secretariat]**

**The Committee noted the paper.**

**48/12/11      London Underground Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 2 2011/12**

Mike Strzelecki introduced the report. Members agreed to the proposal that from the next quarter the format for the quarterly reports for all business units would be revised to produce more focused reports to include overall trend data.

In relation to the power sourcing project procurement process, it was agreed that the Committee would be kept up to date on the project and the progress with potential suppliers of low and zero carbon energy to LU's power network.

**[ACTION: Mike Strzelecki]**

The Committee recognised the achievement of the sub-surface railway upgrade team which had been highly commended in the safety category at the National Rail Awards for achieving an accident-free year in its busiest year to date.

**The Committee noted the report.**

**49/12/11      Surface Transport Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 2 2011/12**

Leon Daniels introduced the report. The investigation into the incident in August 2011, when a Woolwich Free Ferry operative was fatally injured, was complete and a meeting would be convened to discuss the interim recommendations. Following the recent cycle fatalities, all 375 junctions on the Barclays Cycle Superhighways were being reviewed, with priority given to those with the worst accident rates.

Members were informed that TfL was broadly in favour of allowing an increase in the length of articulated lorries, it was noted that this would not generally be in urban centres. An increase in length would mean fewer lorries on the road, resulting in benefits for safety and air quality.

Members were pleased to note that figures to the end of July 2011 of the overall number of people killed or seriously injured on London's roads, demonstrated a 14 per cent reduction compared with the previous year. It was believed that this positive development was due to the cumulative effect of various initiatives.

**The Committee noted the report.**

**50/12/11      London Rail Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 2 2011/12**

Martin Brown introduced the report and explained that none of the door release incidents, as stated in the report, had led to actual door openings. There had been five Signal Passed at Danger (SPAD) incidents in the quarter. Charles Belcher had met with LOROL to discuss SPADs and reported that he was content that the right action was being taken to address the issue.

**The Committee noted the report.**

**51/12/11 Crossrail Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 2 2011/12**

Clive Castell introduced the report. The Committee noted that a tunnelling safety forum had been held, discussion continued with the Health and Safety Executive on guarding requirements and the dashboard management tool had been stabilised. The re-organisation of the health and safety department would be progressed in the next quarter with more health and safety personnel being based on site as Crossrail moved into the construction phase. The Committee was pleased to note Crossrail's excellent safety record.

It was agreed that the Committee be provided with a rolling forecast of Crossrail's energy performance. **[ACTION: Clive Castell]**

**The Committee noted the report.**

**52/12/11 Corporate Directorates Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Report – Quarter 2 2011/12**

Howard Carter introduced the report. He confirmed that once the audit of TfL's reporting activities under the Government's Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme was completed, a copy would be provided to Members.

**[ACTION: Howard Carter]**

**The Committee noted the report.**

**53/12/11 Health, Safety and Environment Priorities for 2012/13**

Mike Strzelecki introduced the paper, which set out TfL's health, safety and environment priorities for 2012/13. The priorities were pan-TfL to include all business units, with the exception of specific safety priorities for Crossrail.

The Committee requested that the results of Crossrail's project with Manchester University to measure the health of tunnelling workers be reported to the Committee as they became available. **[ACTION: Clive Castell]**

**The Committee noted the planned priorities for 2012/13.**

**54/12/11 Review of the Management of Workplace Violence Across TfL**

Mike Strzelecki and Martin Brown introduced the paper, which provided an overview of TfL's approach to tackling workplace violence. The analysis and resulting paper set out the current position and the objectives going forward.

The majority of disputes were in relation to revenue collection. A general deterioration of behaviour resulting in an increase of incidents had been noted across all industries providing services to the public, including the NHS and retail.

Consideration would be given to mechanisms to encourage the supply of information leading to the successful prosecution of those who perpetrate workplace violence.

**[ACTION: Mike Strzelecki]**

**The Committee noted the paper.**

**55/12/11     Any Other Business**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.05pm.

The next scheduled meeting would be held on 6 March 2012 at 10.00am.

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_