

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

BOARD

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE SAFETY HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF 16 SEPTEMBER 2008

DATE: 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

1 PURPOSE AND DECISION REQUIRED

- 1.1 To report to the Board on the Safety, Health and Environment Committee (SHEC) meeting held on 16 September 2008. The Board is asked to note the report.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 SHEC meets quarterly to satisfy itself, on behalf of the TfL Board, that the TfL Group is properly discharging its duties in relation to Health, Safety and Environment (HSE), Resilience and Sustainability matters as set out in the Committee's Terms of Reference.
- 2.2 The main matters considered at the SHEC meeting of 16 September 2008 were the Community Safety Plan and the quarterly Business HSE reports.
- 2.3 The Commissioner attended the meeting.
- 2.4 Due to difficulties with the quorum, and in accordance with Standing Orders, the Mayor appointed Tony West to the Committee for the purposes of this meeting.

3 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN

- 3.1 The Community Safety Plan for Transport and Travelling in London is a joint annual publication between TfL, British Transport Police, Metropolitan Police Service and the City of London Police. This is the second year that a Plan has been produced. The Plan sets out TfL and partners' vision, priorities and activities to increase community safety and security across the whole transport system, so that all journeys are safe and feel safe, free from the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 3.2 The Committee discussed the Plan and made a number of recommendations for modifications and improvements, particularly in relation to aspects of crime mapping. The Committee agreed that the completed Community Safety Plan should be submitted to the Board and asked for the Committee to be updated on progress against the elements of the action plan in 12 months time.

4 QUARTERLY BUSINESS HSE REPORTS

- 4.1 The quarterly reports provide an update to SHEC on any significant matters from the reporting quarter. Full reports on HSE activities and performance are

produced annually.

- 4.2 The Committee commented on the successful implementation of the alcohol ban in June 2008 and requested an assessment of its effects on reducing assaults on the transport system at a future meeting.
- 4.3 The Committee asked that injuries from assaults and accidents be reported separately by all modes and that when commenting on the conduct of audits mention should be made of any safety critical findings.
- 4.4 Surface Transport and London Rail updated the Committee on the incident involving a bus and tram collision in Croydon on 7 September which resulted in a fatality.
- 4.5 The Committee noted that the Surface Transport Workplace Violence Unit is now operating following the joint TfL and Metropolitan Police Service recommendation that more priority should be given to the issue of assaults on bus staff. The Committee recognised the benefits to staff of improved communication of the outcome of actions taken following assaults.
- 4.6 Surface Transport reported that the London Safety Camera Partnership has introduced workshops aiming to change driver behaviour. Motorists jumping a red light may now be given the choice of attending a workshop rather than receiving a fixed penalty fine and points on their driving licence.
- 4.7 London Rail reported that work has commenced to improve and better align reporting metrics across the mode.
- 4.8 The Committee noted the continued low level of assaults on the Docklands Light Railway.
- 4.9 The trial of paper recycling bins on London Underground was welcomed.
- 4.10 For the Corporate Directorates it was noted that a driving at work standard had been adopted and that a programme to improve building energy efficiency was being progressed and that expected energy and carbon dioxide savings could be significant.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Board is asked to NOTE the report and the appointment of Tony West to the Committee for the purposes of the meeting on 16 September 2008.