

Date: 26 March 2015

Item 23: Report of the meeting of the Safety, Accessibility and Sustainability Panel held on 17 March 2015

This paper will be considered in public

1 Summary

- 1.1 To report to the Board on the meeting of the Safety, Accessibility and Sustainability Panel held on 17 March 2015.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Board note the report.**

3 Background

- 3.1 The main matters considered by the Panel were:
- (a) Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Reports for Quarter 3, 2014/15;
 - (b) Health, Safety and Environment Priorities 2015/16;
 - (c) London Underground Customer Non-Accidental Fatalities;
 - (d) Rail and Underground New Partnership Step Free Access Programme;
 - (e) Resilience Report;
 - (f) Integrated Assurance Plan 2015/16; and
 - (g) Key Findings from Internal Audit Reports.

4 Issues Discussed

Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Reports for Quarter 3, 2014/15

- 4.1 The Panel noted the quarterly HSE reports for Quarter 3, 2014/15, for Rail and Underground, Surface Transport, Crossrail and the Corporate directorates. Items discussed included:
- (a) the actions being taken to reduce Platform Train Interface incidents, including changes to platform design;

- (b) the affects of recent changes to recycled waste classifications and the effects this had on volumes of recycling;
- (c) the positive impacts of the Safer Lorry Scheme, which is being extended to all Heavy Goods Vehicles over 3.5 tonnes. The scheme sets standards for all vehicles being used by TfL and its contractors;
- (d) the continued work on achieving the long term target of a 40 per cent reduction in people killed or seriously injured (KSI) on the roads. There had been a recent increase in the number of KSIs and activities were taking place to understand the increase and take action to return to a downward trend;
- (e) the differences in reporting safety matters between Surface Transport and Rail and Underground. Each faced different challenges. The Panel would receive a further briefing on how Surface Transport managed safety on an open unregulated network;
- (f) air quality on Oxford Street and the use of technology and alternative power sources to reduce pollution;
- (g) the recent Coroner's inquest into the fatality of a concrete sprayer (Rene Tkacik). The jury ruled that his death was accidental and the Coroner would not be issuing a Prevention of Future Death Report; and
- (h) Crossrail's activities in updating its safety programme as the civil engineering phase drew to a close and the installation and commissioning phase began.

Health, Safety and Environment Priorities 2015/16

- 4.2 The Panel noted the paper, which outlined the consistent approach across TfL to Health, Safety and Environment matters. A balance needed to be maintained between management of routine operational risk and bigger less frequent risk.

London Underground Customer Non-Accidental Fatalities

- 4.3 The Panel noted the paper. It provided an update on the work undertaken with the Samaritans to identify and deal with potential suicides, which had resulted in a reduction in the number of incidents on the network. Medical related fatalities had reduced in the period following the introduction of new guidelines for dealing with people taken ill on trains. There had also been a reduction in the number of crime related and medical related fatalities.

Rail and Underground New Partnership Step-Free Access Programme

- 4.4 The Panel noted the paper, which provided an update on the progress of the Step Free Access programme. The Panel was highly supportive of the programme and expressed its desire to see less constraint on the phasing of the funding and to consider increased funding provision to enable the delivery of the programme to be accelerated.

Resilience Report

- 4.5 The Panel noted the report. The ticketed New Year's Eve event had gone well and the numbers of people without tickets in the centre London had decreased. The road network was able to re-open quickly after the event. A review of resilience activities was taking place and a new member of staff had been appointed to lead the work.

Integrated Assurance Plan 2015/16

- 4.6 The Panel noted the paper, which presented that Assurance Plan.

Key Findings from Internal Audit Reports

- 4.7 The Panel noted the paper and discussed the process for classification of the results of Audits.

Briefing on Fatigue Management

- 4.8 Following the formal meeting, Members were briefed on the research work carried out by TfL and Crossrail Limited on fatigue arising from differing shift patterns.

List of appendices to this report:

None

List of Background Papers:

Papers for the meeting of the Safety, Accessibility and Sustainability Panel held on 17 March 2015.

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