

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

BOARD

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - 18 MARCH 2009

DATE: 31 MARCH 2009

1 PURPOSE AND DECISION REQUIRED

1.1 To report to the Board on the Safety, Health and Environment Committee meeting held on 18 March 2009. The Board is asked to note the report.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The main matters considered at the SHEC meeting of 18 March 2009 were the quarterly HSE reports from the modes and a Review of Health, Safety and Environment Leadership. The quarterly HSE reports included a report from Crossrail for the first time following its transfer to TfL on 5 December 2008.

2.2 Members welcomed Daniel Moylan to his first meeting of the Committee. The Committee also welcomed Lesley Calladine, recently appointed Director of Health and Safety for Crossrail and Graham Plant, Programme Director, Crossrail, to the meeting.

2.3 The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, asked Officers present to thank the Occupational Health team and all involved in the arrangements for the successful SHEC induction held on 5 March 2009.

3 MATTERS ADDRESSED

The Quarterly HSE Reports

3.1 The quarterly reports provide an update to SHEC on any significant matters from the reporting quarter. A full report on HSE activities and performance is produced annually.

3.2 London Underground, Surface Transport, London Rail, Crossrail and the Corporate Directorates submitted quarterly reports on HSE performance which were discussed. The Committee was also provided with a table which assisted in the comparison of key health and safety data across the modes.

3.3 **London Underground** reported that the overall Signals Passed at Danger (SPAD) trend continued to decrease. The Committee was informed that the main concern with SPADs was not safety but reliability and service disruption. Members agreed that a site visit be arranged to see how the safety protection systems in place prevent SPADs posing a significant safety risk operate.

3.4 **Surface Transport** reported that a range of quantified risk assessments for Blackwall tunnel operations was undertaken and are currently being evaluated. A successful visit to the tunnel by Committee and Surface Transport Panel Members took place on 6 February 2009.

- 3.5 Nine Boroughs have registered with the Freight Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) to make efficient deliveries in London while minimising disruption, CO₂ emissions and improving safety. The scheme is free and the aim is to have 75 per cent of Boroughs registered in the near future.
- 3.6 **London Rail** reported that a number of East London Line GE19 Bridge incident lectures and briefing sessions have taken place to disseminate the lessons learnt to the wider construction and engineering community. These sessions have been well received and TfL has received praise for its actions in making the lessons learnt known.
- 3.7 The Committee noted that when the East London Line opens it will be the first time that TfL will have opened an Overground line and it was agreed that Members would be briefed on the programme for assuring the safety of the railway in advance of its opening.
- 3.8 **Crossrail** reported that it had adopted the TfL Group HSE Policy. The Committee noted that there was now an increase of activity in Crossrail and Project enabling works would start in summer 2009.
- 3.9 Members agreed that a future Committee meeting would receive an overview of forward plans, including how the interfaces with contractors and subcontractors would be managed in relation to HSE matters.
- 3.10 **Corporate Directorates** reported that TfL's response to the London Assembly and Functional Bodies Consultation Draft of the London Climate Change Adaptation Strategy had been submitted. The draft Strategy represented an important step forward in identifying and tackling the wide-ranging risks associated with climate change.
- 3.11 The Committee noted the contents of the quarterly HSE Reports.

Review of Health, Safety and Environment Leadership

- 3.12 The Committee received a 'Health and Safety leadership checklist' based on guidance issued by the Institute of Directors and the Health and Safety Commission on the Health and Safety activities to be undertaken at Board level in the organisation. The Committee noted the responses to the questionnaire. TfL's responses demonstrated compliance with the requirements for effective leadership of HSE at the Board level.
- 3.13 The Committee discussed Board Member training in HSE matters and agreed that Members should be offered the opportunity of a briefing on how HSE risks are assessed and managed and assurance on these provided to SHEC and the Board.
- 3.14 The Committee noted the content of the report.

Other Matters Addressed

- 3.15 **Environment:** Members discussed raising the profile of the Environment element of HSE and how performance in this important area could be more fully reported on going forward. Consideration would be given to how this could be done and at which meetings this would best be achieved.

4 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 The Board is asked to NOTE the content of this report.

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