

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

BOARD

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT ASSURANCE COMMITTEE – 14 SEPTEMBER 2009

DATE: 21 OCTOBER 2009

1 PURPOSE AND DECISION REQUIRED

- 1.1 To report to the Board on the Safety, Health and Environment Assurance Committee (SHEAC) meeting held on 14 September 2009. The Board is asked to note the report.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The main matters considered at the SHEAC meeting on 14 September 2009 were Quarterly HSE Reports, Safety Assurance for the East London Line, Fire Safety and Evacuation of Underground stations, Safety Priorities and Plans and an update on the swine ‘flu pandemic.
- 2.2 Members thanked Christopher Garnett for chairing the SHEC meetings prior to the implementation of the new Committee and Panel structure. The Committee was informed that from 17 November 2009, each Corporate Managing Director would be requested to attend one SHEAC meeting over a period of two years to give an opportunity for Members to discuss the role and issues of their directorate in relation to HSE matters.

3 MATTERS ADDRESSED

The Quarterly HSE Reports

- 3.1 The quarterly reports provide an update to SHEAC 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.
- 3.3 **London Underground** reported that all safety key performance indicators were stable or improving during Quarter 1 and, in particular, a sustained reduction in the number of Category B Signals Passed at Danger had been achieved.
- 3.4 A renewable energy sourcing consultation exercise was in progress to bring together energy suppliers, consultants and other experts to seek ways for London Underground to deliver 30 per cent of its energy from renewable sources.
- 3.5 **Surface Transport** reported that the Injury Inequality Reduction Scheme had commissioned the production of a Music DVD for children under five years old

which would highlight identified road safety issues in the targeted communities. Members also noted that the Department for Transport, in partnership with TfL, had launched a new anti-drug drive national campaign.

- 3.6 **London Rail** reported that discussions between London Rail and Thales were ongoing with regard to upgrading the signalling on the Docklands Light Railway to take account of the 3 car upgrade project.
- 3.7 **Crossrail** reported that engagement meetings with the Enabling Works contractors were taking place. At these meetings, contractors were invited to share information on aspects of their own safety systems and best industry practices. Contractor interest was high and information sheets had been distributed for review and cascaded within their organisations.
- 3.8 **Corporate Directorates** reported that TfL had been the first public body to be shortlisted for the 'Business in the Community Climate Change Award'. It was also reported that the Annual TfL Environment Report 2008/09 was on track for submission to the November SHEAC meeting.
- 3.9 The Committee noted the contents of the quarterly HSE Reports.

Safety Assurance for the East London Line

- 3.10 The Committee noted that the East London Line Project will be the first new railway that has been brought from design through construction to operation under the stewardship of TfL.
- 3.11 An Emergency Preparedness Plan and Procedure had been developed covering all aspects of Emergency Preparedness on the project. Emergency arrangements would be tested over the following months, culminating in a live test of the Plans.
- 3.12 The Committee noted the report.

Fire Safety and Evacuation of Underground Stations

- 3.13 The Committee considered a report which updated Members on the measures taken across the network and discussed evacuation standards for below ground stations.
- 3.14 The Committee noted the report.

Safety Priorities and Plans for 2010/11

- 3.15 The Committee considered a report which outlined modal safety priorities and plans. Members noted the priorities listed by each mode and requested more specific information on aspects of LU's plans and that Surface Transport explicitly recognised the reduction of pedestrian fatalities as a priority.

Swine 'Flu Update

- 3.16 It was reported that hand gels had been procured and distributed to members of staff as part of a programme to encourage good personal hygiene.

4 RECOMMENDATION

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

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