

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

BOARD

SUBJECT: REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT ASSURANCE COMMITTEE – 2 AUGUST 2011

DATE: 21 SEPTEMBER 2011

1 PURPOSE AND DECISION REQUIRED

- 1.1 To report to the Board on the meeting of the Safety, Health and Environment Assurance Committee (SHEAC) held on 2 August 2011.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The main issues considered by the Committee were:

- (a) Annual Health, Safety and Environment Assurance Letters 2010/11;
- (b) Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Reports – Quarter 4 2010/11;
- (c) Annual Resilience Assurance Letters 2010/11;
- (d) Review of the TfL Resilience Management Policy Framework;
- (e) Update on Air Quality;
- (f) Group Health, Safety and Environment Function; and
- (g) Office of Rail Regulation Health and Safety Report.

3 ISSUES DISCUSSED

Annual Health, Safety and Environment Assurance Letters 2010/11

- 3.1 The Committee noted the Annual Health, Safety and Environment Assurance Letters 2010/11 which provided information on the status of Health, Safety and Environment Management Systems in TfL at the conclusion of 2010/11. The Committee was advised that Tube Lines had been incorporated into the London Underground Assurance Letter.
- 3.2 Members welcomed the Assurance Letters and the demonstrable progress on improving the implementation of TfL's Health, Safety and Environment Management Systems. It was agreed that the auditing of the Letters should be considered as part of the Internal Audit Plan for 2012/13.

Quarterly Health, Safety and Environment Performance Reports – Quarter 4 2010/11

- 3.3 The Committee noted the quarterly reports from London Underground, Surface

Transport, London Rail, Crossrail and the Corporate Directorates, which provided an update on significant matters from the reporting quarter.

Annual Resilience Assurance Letters 2010/11

- 3.4 The Committee noted the Annual Resilience Assurance Letters for 2010/11 which provided assurance on the status of the implementation of the requirements of the TfL Resilience Management Policy Framework across TfL. Of particular note was the improvement in implementation status of the Policy Framework across TfL, especially in London Rail and Crossrail.

Review of the TfL Resilience Management Policy Framework

- 3.5 The Committee agreed the TfL Resilience Management Policy Framework which had been reviewed, without change, by the TfL Resilience Steering Team in June 2011.

Update on Air Quality

- 3.6 The Committee noted the paper which gave a briefing on the implementation of the Mayor's Air Quality Strategy (MAQS), including the delivery of local measures being funded through the new Clean Air Fund. The Committee also noted the actions being implemented under the MAQS but expressed concern at the limited government support to fund essential initiatives.

Group Health, Safety and Environment Function

- 3.7 The Committee noted the paper stating how the current Group level Health, Safety and Environment assurance activities would be carried out following the implementation of Project Horizon. Managing Directors indicated that they would continue to attend meetings of the Committee.

Office of Rail Regulation Health and Safety Report

- 3.8 The Committee noted the introductory paper and the Office of Rail Regulation's (ORR) Health and Safety Report for 2010/11, published on 19 July 2011.
- 3.9 The report recognised that London Underground was one of the safest significant railways in Europe and around 15 times safer than the European mainline rail average. However, Officers had challenged a number of misleading statements in the report, which Mike Brown was pursuing at a senior level within the ORR.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Board is asked to NOTE the report.

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