

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

RAIL AND UNDERGROUND PANEL

**SUBJECT: DOCKLANDS LIGHT RAILWAY – OLYMPICS PROJECT
OVERVIEW**

DATE: 26 FEBRUARY 2009

1 PURPOSE AND DECISION REQUIRED

- 1.1 This report provides Members with an update on the current status of the DLR Olympics Project. Members are requested to note the report.

2 INFORMATION

Woolwich Arsenal Extension (cross Thames link and new station at Woolwich)

- 2.1 The extension opened seven weeks early on 10 January 2009. Passenger numbers in the first few weeks of operation exceeded forecasts. A new enhanced timetable has been introduced to respond to this demand (although the scope of this is limited until Tower Gateway station reopens).

Three Car Capacity Enhancements (platform lengthening, bridge strengthening)

Package 1 (Bank to Crossharbour)

- 2.2 Tower Gateway station is anticipated to re-open in early March 2009. This is ahead of the planned date of May 2009.
- 2.3 Crossharbour Station platform extension works were completed in December 2008.
- 2.4 Limehouse Station – the works for the interchange link with C2C have recommenced following agreement with Network Rail and National Express. Progress has been good with the main steelwork installation carried out in January 2009.
- 2.5 All other works are on programme and will be progressively completed through to early 2010.

Package 2 (Mudchute to Lewisham)

- 2.6 Substantial completion of Package 2 was achieved to programme on 5 January 2009 and the extension handed back to the concessionaire.

Package 3 (Poplar to Stratford)

- 2.7 Work is progressing well and is on programme for completion by the end of June 2009.

Package 4 (Blackwall to East India)

- 2.8 Work is progressing well and is on programme for completion by the end of August 2009.

Package 5 (New Delta Junction flyover at Canary Wharf)

- 2.9 Work is progressing well and is on programme for completion in April 2009.

Package 7 (new flyover at Canning Town Junction)

- 2.10 Although some slippage has occurred on this package, works are currently progressing well with a major possession planned over the late Spring Bank Holiday in May 2009 that will enable the flyover to be commissioned. The remaining works will be complete by early 2010.

Stratford International Extension (northwards extension from Stratford Regional station to the new Stratford International station)

Package 8 (Network Rail Platforms at Stratford to accommodate London Overground services)

- 2.11 TfL and Network Rail agreed to postpone the blockade at Christmas and the contractor has now submitted plans for this work to be completed over Easter 2009.

Package 6 (Conversion to DLR of the NLL, former Silverlink route, from Stratford Regional to Canning Town)

- 2.12 Construction works are now underway on all new and existing stations. Although the slippage of the Package 8 works has a direct impact on the Package 6 works, a detailed review of the programme is underway and it is anticipated that the original completion date of July 2010 can still be maintained.

Woolwich / Stratford International / Olympic Railcars (55 new trains, jointly funded by TfL and ODA)

- 2.13 Taking over certificates have been issued for twelve of the fifty-five new vehicles on order and these are being used in passenger service.
- 2.14 Testing and commissioning of seven vehicles is underway in the DLR depot at Beckton.
- 2.15 A further five vehicles are ready for shipment from Bombardier in Bautzen.

Three Car East Route (To enhance the Beckton route to 3-car formation, serving Excel and the University of East London campus)

- 2.16 Letters of commitment have been received from all external parties funding this project (Olympic Delivery Authority, Homes and Communities Agency and London Development Agency).
- 2.17 Approval to commence this project was granted by TfL Project Review Group on 18 December 2008.
- 2.18 Crossover works have been procured and detailed design is progressing on the

station works prior to award of a construction contract.

3 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Panel is asked to NOTE the report.

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