

Rail Delivery Group

Summary of Proceedings 20 November 2014

Present

Martin Griffiths (Chair) (Stagecoach)
Michael Roberts (Director-General) (RDG)
Vernon Barker (First Group)
Dominic Booth (Abellio)
David Brown (Go-Ahead)
Chris Burchell (Arriva)
Andrew Chivers (National Express)
Alistair Gordon (Keolis)
Jeremy Long (MTR)
Peter Maybury (Freightliner)
Paul Plummer (Network Rail)
Doug Sutherland (Directly Operated Railways)
Alain Thauvette (DBSchenker)
Phil Whittingham (Virgin Trains)

Apologies

Mark Carne (Network Rail)
David Stretch (Serco)

In attendance

Terence Watson (RSG) – Rail Supply Group item
Nick Ellins (RDG)
George Lynn (RDG)
Edward Welsh (RDG)
Christine Quigley (RDG)
Billy Denyer (RDG, Minutes)

Rail Supply Group

TW provided an overview of the work of the Rail Supply Group (RSG). The RSG's Terms of Reference are to "strengthen the capability and competitiveness of the UK rail supply chain to grow business at home and abroad". RSG has developed a Council which oversees five workstreams (exports & inward investment, technologies & innovation, skills & resources, SMEs and HS2) with six cross-cutting themes.

It was noted that the presence of common members on RSG and the RDG Technology and Operations workstream offered scope to ensure the two organisations operated in a joined up way.

Approval of the record/progress on action points from the meeting on 28th October

The minutes of the RDG meeting on 28th October were agreed to be an accurate record. MR briefed members on the follow up to the discussion about PIDD at the October RDG meeting and next steps were agreed.

Director-General's report

MG gave his thoughts on the best use of RDG meetings. It was agreed that RDG should be output driven and, in the short term, prioritise performance, information & ticketing, and communications.

Digital Railway

PP gave an update on Digital Railway activity. Five priority challenges had been identified: developing a strong business case; managing the change; ETCS Level 3; establishing consistent cross-industry leadership; maintaining momentum and buy-in. Members supported the governance proposal and will continue to support the process of industry engagement on Digital Railway.

Communications

EW set out the steps that his team are taking to respond to the RDG's request to treat political engagement as one of its three priorities.

EW reminded members that the aim of the proposed reputational campaign is to improve public perception of the railway. The OJEU notice for the campaign has been issued and the Invitation To Tender will be issued in mid-December.

Performance

CB gave a summary of Quarter 2 performance. Although the agreed performance-related inputs continue to be delivered, the expected outputs are not materialising. The dip in performance this Autumn is the worst since 2005, although CB noted that freight is performing well.

MC had circulated a document containing five key performance priorities: members present agreed the items in it were relevant, highlighting issues of particular emphasis. MG added that NTF own this topic, but that RDG must be fully engaged going forward.

Project Quicksilver

AG updated members on Project Quicksilver and the DfT's position on mobile connectivity. Five owning groups had expressed an interest in participating in pilots. Members agreed the key messages to communicate to Ministers on the current status of the work.

RDG financial statements

This item was deferred until the December RDG meeting.

Any other business

DAB informed members that the RDG information and ticketing workstream is carrying out a cost of ticketing review and asked for RDG Owning Group members to encourage their TOCs to respond positively.