

PAPER TO RDG BOARD

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ATTENDEE LIST

Attendees	Organisation
Chris Burchell	Arriva
Paul Plummer	RDG
Jo Kaye	Network Rail
Dominic Booth	Abellio
Steve Montgomery	First Group
Martin Griffiths	Stagecoach
Ernesto Sicilia	Trenitalia
Hans-Georg Werner	DB Cargo
Mark Thurston	HS2
Charlie Hodgeson	Go-Ahead
Jac Starr	RDG
Gary Cooper	RDG
John Thomas	RDG
Robert Nisbet	RDG
Naomi Rial (notes)	RDG
Guest Attendees:	
N/A	

Apologies: Mark Carne (Network Rail), Gordon Wakeford (RSG); Alistair Gordon (Keolis), Jeremy Long (MTR), David Brown (Go-Ahead), Peter Strachan (Serco), Gary Long (Freightliner)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Item No.	Approval of the record
1	<p>Chris Burchell welcomed everyone to the meeting and highlighted how important it is that the board comes together and supports one another given the current issues.</p> <p>The minutes of previous meeting on 24 April 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Jo Kaye briefed the board on the recent workforce fatality in Scotland, for which an investigation is underway. The board recorded sympathy for those personally affected by this tragedy.</p>

Item No.	RDG activity update
2	<p>Paul Plummer summarised progress with RDG Board Priority (fares, performance, modernisation, digital railway, HS2, reputation campaign, sustainable passenger services and periodic review).</p> <p>He referred to the European update paper where good progress is being made and on the Sector Deal where a workshop is being planned for TOC and FOCs later in June. The results from the recent staff and membership surveys were also noted.</p> <p>Mark Thurston gave an update on HS2 activity. A decision on the replacement for David Higgins is expected soon. Stage 2a is going through the House at the moment, with royal assent expected in quarter 3 next year. It was recognised that understanding the capacity requirements for HS2 during the construction phase is an issue that needs to be progressed quickly so that locos and wagons, as well as the relevant timetabling can be in place in time.</p>

Item No.	Timetable issues
3	<p>The discussion about recent timetabling issues started off with updates from Chris Burchell and Charlie Hodgson about the current Northern and GTR situations and plans over the coming weeks to fully implement the new timetables. There was an acknowledgement amongst the board that as an industry there are lessons to be learnt from recent challenges and that working together as a partnership railway is more important than ever to make sure that December timetable changes go smoothly.</p>

Item No.	Timetable issues		
	<p>Andrew Haines will be contacting OGs with significant planned December changes over the next week in order to provide an assessment to DfT on 19 June.</p> <p>It was agreed that full and open dialogue regarding readiness of infrastructure, rolling stock and all other components is imperative. The two other reviews that are taking place are the TSC on 18 June and the ORR review for which a draft remit is being prepared.</p> <p>(GC left the meeting)</p>		
1806.01	PP/GC to propose how to ensure funders / client authorities are looped in to the industry's timetable discussion given the commercial and wider considerations	PP	01/07/18
1806.02	Conduct an assessment of the capacity of our planning resources (both NR and TOC) to accommodate TT changes in good time	All	15/07/18

Item No.	Customer Portfolio: Fares Reform		
4	<p>Jac Starr gave an update on fares reform. A letter recently received from Jo Johnson helpfully sets out six strategic outcomes he expects which are very much aligned with our current thinking.</p> <p>The consultation launch on 4 June went well there have been over 2,500 respondents so far, 48% of which are commuters.</p> <p>(JS left the meeting)</p>		

Item No.	Industry Reform Portfolio: Franchise Reform		
4	<p>John Thomas gave an update on the franchise reform work including engagement with DfT. There was concern raised about bilateral conversations NR are having with DfT on franchise reform and whether the weekly catch ups that have now been initiated between NR, RDG and DfT on this are sufficient. Members were asked to share any intelligence with RDG on an ongoing basis to improve the dialogue on behalf of the industry. John circulated copies of 'key asks' during the meeting.</p> <p>John Thomas proposed to start sending a weekly update on franchise reform to members of the board.</p>		

Item No.	Membership
5	It was agreed that in light of recent franchise changes, Keolis and the Operator of Last Resort should become full RDG members if they apply to do so.

Item No.	Forward Agenda & AOB
6	Chris Burchell thanked members for the honest conversation about timetabling issues.