

Rail Delivery Group

Summary of Proceedings 19 June 2013

Present

Tim O'Toole (Chairman) (First Group)
David Higgins (Deputy Chairman) (Network Rail)
Dominic Booth (Abellio)
David Brown (Go-Via)
Andrew Chivers (National Express)
Alistair Gordon (Keolis)
Bob Holland (Arriva)
Nigel Jones (DB Schenker UK)
Peter Maybury (Freightliner)
Paul Plummer (Network Rail)
Doug Sutherland (Directly Operated Railways)
Graham Smith (Director-General)
Michael Roberts (ATOC)

Meeting with the Secretary of State

The Secretary of State had found the Awayday very useful and would like to hold another one later in the year. RDG had emphasised the importance of a positive industry narrative.

Industry Narrative

RDG considered the material prepared for events that would be taking place in the coming months and reiterated the importance of a clear statement of the industry's successes and the importance of the industry business model in achieving those outcomes.

Draft Determinations

The draft determinations of the Periodic Review, which had been published by the ORR on 12 June, were considered. The Group was supportive of the approach by ORR, which built on proposals by the RDG to encourage greater engagement between Network Rail and Operators on enhancements

Technology and Operations

Work was continuing to establish the scope and remit of the technology and operations working group through a series of interviews and group discussions. A working group of eight to twelve people that would provide leadership across all facets of technology, innovation, research and operations.

National Task Force

RDG noted the report from NTF.

Smart Ticketing

A number of bilateral discussions had been held to understand the wide variety of technical solutions. Meetings had also been held with the DfT and pteg.

Station and On-Train Retail

RDG had commissioned SDG / Javelin Group to undertake a review of Station and On-Train retail to inform the production of a Station and On-Train retail strategy jointly with Passenger Focus.

Freight

The draft determinations on freight access charges were critical to the future of the rail freight industry and RDG noted that a number of proposals to increase freight charges significantly were not being progressed. The working group was now focused on developing the freight alliance between operators and Network Rail and looking at the needs of freight beyond CP5.

Asset, Programme and Supply-Chain Management

RDG noted the call for senior operator representation at the Network Optimisation workshops.

Rolling Stock

RDG Members had submitted ideas on achieving value for money from rolling stock in CP5 and an initial meeting was being held later in the month.

Associate Membership

The Rail Delivery Group approved the granting of associate membership to

- Rail Vehicle Engineering Ltd (RVEL)

Franchise Advisory Board

RDG agreed that contact should be made with the Franchise Advisory Board to ensure that it understood RDG's position on franchising.