

Meeting of the Rail Delivery Group on

21 June 2016

200 Aldersgate Street, London EC1a 4HD

Paper 1a

Action points from May RDG Board

Present

Martin Griffiths (Chair)
Paul Plummer
Alain Thauvette
Russell Mears
Chris Burchell
Phil Whittingham
Chris Rayner
Jeremy Long
Andrew Chivers
Tim O'Toole
Julian Edwards
Alistair Gordon
David Brown

In attendance

Elizabeth de Jong (RDG)
Gary Cooper (RDG/ATOC)
Lindsay Bleakley (RDG/ATOC, Actions)

In attendance in part

Mark Carne
Bill Davidson (RDG)
Jonathan Chatfield (RDG)
Norrie Courts (NR)

Apologies

Jo Kaye
Peter Strachan

1605.01 **Approval of the record & progress on actions from previous meeting**

The minutes of the RDG meeting on 28 April were accepted as a true and accurate record. There were no further comments on actions from previous meetings.

1605.02 **CEO report**

PP highlighted key issues in the CEO Report, including: the status concerning the launch of PMS; the conversations ongoing regarding the future of RSSB; internal changes underway to improve organisation effectiveness; ongoing IR matters relating to DOO; and engagement with the DfT and SoS. PP noted that time was right to address the branding and governance issues and invited comment. There was no objection.

1605.03 **Shaw, next steps**

PP introduced item and summarised NR handout about delivery of the transformation plan. PP noted importance of supporting the principle of scorecards and that there was still a range of views about pace. Group discussed change in NR's commercial outlook since reclassification. MC emphasised the culture change required and the need for other members to support the changes and help make sure they happened, emphasising opportunity to use the scorecards to challenge the behaviours of routes and drive positive change. MC also committed to giving members greater line of sight on NR progress.

1605.04 **PR18 update**

EdJ gave a broad overview of the PR18 consultation working groups and introduced BD as the RDG project manager. PP reinforced the importance of the subject. BD discussed line-of-sight from the customer to the route and that the level of engagement required is significant. BD highlighted issues around regulatory settlement and the importance of having a framework that wouldn't preclude opportunities for increasing efficiently in the future. BD also noted importance of local level involvement in developing a framework for output; transparency around costs to plan; route based charging and comparisons between road and rail charging complexity.

Members questioned level of support coming from their organisations and challenged BD to inform them if not getting the support required. Members discussed the potency of coming together with a unified voice on common issues such as route based charging. PP noted that ORR are embracing the groups input and the desire to build on that.

1605.05 **HS2 / RDG engagement**

CR highlighted the three main points in the proposal, on: strategic engagement; end-state integration; and construction and engineering works. Members acknowledge need to focus on overall network and to embed thinking about their issues existing architecture. Members discussed importance of a unified voice on HS2 and being able to articulate the story so that public messaging is joined up. Need for ongoing engagement was reinforced.

Action: HS2 to bring quarterly update to RDG Board, and update RDG on timescales and vision before then

1605.06 **Station Strategy update**

JC introduced paper, supported by Norrie Courts (Stations Director, Network Rail) noting also that NSIP Board would now report to RDG Station Strategy Group. JC gave context and background to the paper from the point of last discussion including launch of the Vision for Stations. JC summarised request for funding made by the paper, asking for board approval to draw down funding from the approved budget. Group discussed points made in the paper including model for optimising value from station real-estate. RDG Board approved request to draw down funding from the budget.

Agreement: Request to draw down funding approved by RDG Board

1605.07 **Members survey**

PP gave an overview of members' survey results, acknowledging organisation performance from a member perspective. PP noted desire to continually improve the output of the organisation and improve results the following year. AG highlighted a trend in the results; no other comments from members.

1605.08 **A.O.B**

MG highlighted timing of the RDG summer reception and questioned whether it should go ahead. Group agreed it should go ahead, but to move the event to June next year.

AG noted that the TOC MD forum had been recreated and questioned whether a similar forum would be created for RMDs. PP expressed desire and intention to do so.

TOT questioned absence of the workstream reports. PP noted the intention for periodical portfolio updates and/or workstream update papers to replace the old style WS reports. There was no objection from members.

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