

Meeting of Rail Delivery Group on

28 April 2016

RDG/ATOC, 200 Aldersgate Street, London EC1A 4HD

Paper 1a

Action points from Rail Delivery Group meeting on 22 March 2016

Present

Martin Griffiths (Chair)

Paul Plummer

Chris Burchell

Jeremy Long

Nigel Jones

Russell Mears

Steve Montgomery

David Brown

Jo Kaye

Andrew Chivers

Dominic Booth

Chris Rayner

In attendance

Elizabeth de Jong (RDG)

Edward Welsh (RDG)

Gary Cooper (RDG/ATOC)

George Lynn (RDG/ATOC)

Lindsay Bleakley (RDG/ATOC, Actions)

In attendance in part

Bernadette Kelly

Apologies

Mark Carne

Simon Kirby

Phil Whittingham

Peter Strachan

Tim O'Toole

Alistair Gordon

16.020 Approval of the record/progress on action points from the meeting on 22th February

The minutes of the RDG meeting on 22 February were accepted as a true and accurate record. PP reviewed actions noting those actions still open.

Action: Minutes from Feb-16 to be posted on RDG website

16.021 Chief Executive's report and papers for noting

PP reviewed the Chief Executive's report, highlighting that Bernadette Kelly of DfT is the stakeholder attendee. PP noted events in Brussels not covered in the report, then invited comments on issues raised in CEO report. No comments were made.

16.022 Stakeholder Engagement: Bernadette Kelly, DfT

PP highlighted key areas for discussion during BK attendance at the Board. Members held preliminary discussions on a number of items including, the cost of bidding for franchises, the Shaw Report, ticketing, and ongoing engagement.

BK spoke for 15 minutes on key areas of interest for the DfT, including: the political commitment to rail, next steps for the industry after Bowe/Hendy/Shaw, aspirations towards a vision for rail, devolution of routes, the importance of delivery today and planning for tomorrow, and the ongoing engagement between RDG and the DfT.

In the discussion that followed members took the opportunity to ask BK questions. Discussion on Shaw included: key DfT priorities, likely speed of implementation, devolution of routes, and the proposed route for the north. Further discussion focused on franchising reform and the ongoing engagement between DfT and RDG.

Action: PP to meet BK after RDG Board to review outcomes of meeting

16.023 Strategic Portfolio: Industry Reform, Shaw Review

PP outlined key issues for RDG arising from the Shaw report and the need for active engagement on the implementation of change. PP highlighted the proposed changes re: route scorecards as an example which was very positive, but where discussion is required to ensure alignment on the detail.

Action: Meeting of TOC owning groups to be arranged to discuss Shaw (PP)

Action: NR to consider its plans following Shaw, including how the rest of RDG Board can best engage on their plans (MC)

Action: Freight Group to discuss freight position in response to Shaw (RM)

16.024 Strategic Portfolio: Tomorrow's Railway

EdJ summarised key points in the paper and asked for RDG Boards endorsement of the recommendations. Discussion was held on the need for planning and technology to be discussed in a single forum led by the industry and supply chain, rather than by a separate entity or by the DfT. Members agreed importance of having the right representation at industry groups such as POG and TSLG. Members agreed the recommendations as per the paper.

Agreement: EdJ to progress with actions as per recommendations in the paper

16.025 Strategic Portfolio: Tomorrow's Railway, IIP

JK summarised key points from the paper on the IIP including: need to provide a menu of options and choices for funders rather than adopt a 1 size fits all approach; need for a clear and transparent business case; implications of devolved funding bodies. Members discussed importance of industry owning planning of the railway and debated the degree of detail and involvement RDG Members should have, on which there was a range of views.

Action: To return to April Board with substantive paper on the IIP (JK / EdJ)

16.026 Finance: RDG Budget 2016/17

GL presented the RDG Budget for 2016/17 noting that for 2015/16 a budget of £4.2m had been set, with a proviso to uplift the budget total if project costs approved at RDG meetings took the total over that amount. The forecast for 2015/16 had increased to £4.92m. For 2016/17, a RDG budget of £6.69m was presented, which included an uplift of £1m over Outturn in work stream costs, and £0.65m increased ATOC costs (reflecting a £0.8m increase over the past 2 years). Members questioned the reason for the uplift and GL clarified. Members agreed the total budget of £5.4m. GL noted that any work stream project costs are subject to specific approval at RDG meetings. Board Members asked to be sent a further explanation of the rise in budget costs.

Action: GL to circulate explanation for the rise in budget costs.

16.027 Forward agenda & any other business

CB noted that new performance metrics are being shadow ran against the existing metrics in a pilot that is looks at performance in a more customer focused way. No other business.

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