

PLANNING OVERSIGHT GROUP

MINUTES – 10TH FEBRUARY 2016

01 INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Attendees

Elizabeth de Jong	RDG (Chair of meeting)
Mark Havenhand	RDG (Secretariat)
Jeremy Candfield	Rail Industry Association
Lindsay Durham	Freightliner
Richard Evans	Go-Ahead
Russell Evans	FirstGroup
Graeme Hampshire	Stagecoach
Nigel Jones	DBS
Calvin Lloyd	RDG
Jeremy Long	MTR
Alan Pilbeam	Abellio
Jonathan Pugh	RDG
Jenny Scattergood	RDG
Graham Cross	Arriva
Rufus Impey	Digital Railway
Mark Phillips	RSSB
Julie Rickard	Digital Railway
David Sexton	DfT
Ross Shepherd	Eversholt Rail

Apologies

Jo Kaye	Network Rail (Chair of POG)
Andrew Chivers	National Express
Roger Cobbe	Arriva
Gary Cooper	NTF
Andy Course	Eversholt Rail
Jonathan Dunster	Virgin Trains
Chris Fenton	RSSB
Christine Quigley	RDG
Yaelle Ridley	Network Rail
Stuart White	DfT

02 ACTIONS AND MINUTES

New and outstanding actions

Ref	What	Who	When
16-02-01	Provide further detail on Digital Railway deployment plan for each IIP scenario (and beyond), how it has been developed and impacts across industry in terms of enabling work and delivery. Note earlier POG feedback re. branding.	Julie Rickard	March POG

16-02-02	Circulate full map of Digital Railway governance and plans for business case production so POG member organisations can ensure they are plugged into the most appropriate group	Julie Rickard	ASAP
16-02-03	Circulate invitation to Digital Railway conference in March	Mark Havenhand	ASAP
16-02-04	Ensure that a Digital Railway team member is a permanent representative on POG	Elizabeth de Jong	By March POG
16-02-05	Produce minutes in format suitable for publication on RDG website	Mark Havenhand	ASAP
16-01-01	Provide list of funds with details of the owner/governance for each (where known), and members of each of the relevant programme boards	Jo Kaye / Calvin Lloyd	ASAP
16-01-02	Produce funder and specifier engagement plan	Calvin Lloyd	By March POG
16-01-03	Produce summary of key IIP messaging	Calvin Lloyd	By March POG
15-10-01	Circulate slides from August POG which recorded TOC / FOC / Route discussions (this action was previously captured incorrectly)	Jo Kaye	ASAP
15-10-02	Circulate NR org charts for Network Strategy and Capacity Planning	Jo Kaye	ASAP
15-10-03	Sub-group to be convened to review trade-offs work in the light of a journey time and connectivity discussion	Calvin Lloyd	ASAP

It was agreed that action 16-01-01 remained open, as the information circulated in advance of the meeting did not provide details of the attendees of each programme board.

Jo Kaye may be in a position to take forward 15-10-03, potentially working through the IIP Programme Board. Calvin Lloyd to speak to Jo Kaye.

Actions closed following January 2016 POG:

Ref	What	Who	Status
15-11-03	Freight representative to join Digital Railway steering group	Julie Rickard	Confirmed closed in February POG

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Russell Evans to provide comment regarding page 4 of the January POG minutes.

03 IIP KEY PURPOSES AND DOCUMENT OPTIONS

Calvin Lloyd delivered a presentation which summarised the DfT's emerging views on the content of the IIP, and set out various options for the content and structure of the document to meet their requirements. The greater emphasis placed by the DfT on the franchising process was noted, however it was stressed that this should not be overstated – the key requirement is to align the timing of interventions with those of the relevant franchises, as opposed to franchising being the vehicle for funding and delivery of every type of intervention.

Of the four content scenarios set out in the presentation, the preference was towards the most extensive 'prospectus' option. The group agreed that preparation of material to support a document matching this specification should continue, whilst conversations with the DfT and devolved funders to better understand their requirements are ongoing. The document's foreword would offer a simple means of tailoring content produced at an earlier date to the current policy context. It was agreed that key messages still need to be produced. These are due to be shared at RDG Board on 22 March.

04 REVIEW AND CONSULTATION FORWARD LOOK

Elizabeth de Jong described the process through which the RDG was planning to respond to the various industry review consultations. The RDG's responses will be strategic in nature, recognising that POG member organisations may wish to produce individual responses to comment on more detailed issues.

05 HENDY REVIEW AND CONSULTATION

Elizabeth de Jong set out the currently proposed key messages for the RDG response to the Hendy Review consultation. There were a number of suggestions as to how the proposed key messages should be amended and these will be taken forward with the task and finish group.

It was stressed that from the point of view of the DfT the value for money of the funds in CP5 needed to be demonstrated to make the case for their retention in CP6.

06 DIGITAL RAILWAY

Julie Rickard and Rufus Impey provided an update on the further progress the Digital Railway had made on developing its business case and deployment plan. The discussion focused on the performance simulation tool which had been used a simplified peak hour timetable to assess digital signalling. By linking to the route study outputs the simulation already assumes that trains have been lengthening to the maximum extent possible. The use of a peak timetable means that fewer freight trains are modelled; however the potential benefits for freight of moving towards a digital system with shorter signalling sections on the Felixstowe to Nuneaton route, which currently has long sections, were noted. The capacity benefits of digital signalling are key to making the business case, as to make the case on renewals alone would be more difficult given the discontinuity in signalling renewal timescales on a typical route.

The next formal business case is due to be published alongside the IIP, and will be supported by an extensive engagement process with POG and industry stakeholders. The programme's governance structure includes a cross-industry steering group. POG members are very keen to:

- Understand the planned process, including engagement, for the production of the business case
- Understand the governance structures around the Digital Railway programme, to ensure that members and organisations can be engaged as effectively as possible outside POG
- Ensure that a Digital Railway team member is a permanent representative on POG.

07 IIP STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

08 WALES ROUTE STUDY (FINAL VERSION)

09 ANGLIA ROUTE STUDY (FINAL VERSION)

10 IIP PLAN AND POG FORWARD LOOK

Papers relating to the above items were circulated in advance of the meeting and comments to Mark Havenhand were invited in correspondence.