

# Rail Delivery Group

## Summary of Proceedings 10 September 2012

### **Present**

David Higgins (Deputy Chairman)  
Dominic Booth  
David Brown  
Andrew Chivers  
Martin Griffiths  
Bob Holland  
Peter Maybury  
Tim O'Toole  
Paul Plummer  
Doug Sutherland  
Alain Thauvette  
Graham Smith (Secretary)  
Michael Roberts

### **In attendance:**

Wallace Weatherill

As the Chairman was attending the Transport Select Committee and unable to be present at the start of the meeting the meeting was chaired by the Deputy Chairman.

### **Asset, Programme and Supply-Chain Management (APSCM) Working Group**

RDG noted the progress report.

A meeting had been held with the Strategic Business Plan team to establish the form and substance of the working group's submission to the Plan. Each of the APSCM workstreams had put values to the pilot studies in their areas of activity. RDG agreed that it was essential to quantify in financial terms the benefits from RDG's various initiatives.

The working group was still keen to make progress on a major projects workstream looking particularly at ways the industry could work together better and achieve earlier engagement on new projects.

### **Formalisation of RDG Working Group**

Rail Delivery Group Limited had been established as a legal entity. Fifteen responses to the ORR consultation had been received so far, most were supportive of formalisation.

### **Rolling Stock**

Resources had been obtained to help with the next stage of the rolling stock work.

### **Technology, Innovation and Working Practices Working Group**

A date for a meeting with the TUC and the Trade Unions was still being sought.

### **National Task Force**

The next meeting of National Task Force would consider the LSE Recovery Plan, fleet reliability, Passenger information during disruption and transparency.

### **Industry Planning Working Group**

Good progress was being made with the production of the Network Rail and Industry Business Plans. RDG reiterated its commitment to full involvement in the planning process.

### **Technical Strategy Leadership Group**

RDG was briefed on progress with creating the rail innovation team and the production of the Rail Technical Strategy.

### **Contractual and Regulatory Reform Working Group**

The contractual and regulatory reform working group was focusing on usage charges, the future role of the ORR and whether improvements could be made to the dispute resolution process.

### **RSSB Update**

The Group was updated on progress with RSSB's strategic review.

### **Train Utilisation**

RDG's work on train utilisation and the benefits of, for example, increasing the number of turnback locations and the splitting and joining of trains to match the demand for capacity would be discussed with the DfT.

### **Office of Rail Regulation**

Anna Walker, Richard Price, Michael Beswick and Ian Prosser from the Office of Rail Regulation joined the meeting for a discussion of areas of mutual interest between the RDG and the ORR.