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**Secretariat memorandum**

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Actions taken

**1 Purpose of report**

1.1 To record actions taken by members or officers since the last meeting.

**2 Recommendation 0**

2.1 None – this report is for information only.

**3 Information**

3.1 The Safety & Policy Adviser has updated the Incident Table following his previous report to committee in October 2011 and it is attached as an appendix. The text in red is new information.

3.2 On 13.01.12 the Chief Executive, the Director, Policy & Investigation and the Safety Policy Adviser met representatives of the Rail Accident Investigation Board to discuss the emerging findings of the RAIB's investigation into the train stranding incident which occurred at Dock Junction (between St Pancras International and Kentish Town) on 20.05.11.

3.3 On 01.02.12 the Chief Executive, the Director, Policy & Investigation and the Safety Policy Adviser met representatives of Network Rail to discuss a proposed trial of emergency block working, a signalling procedure designed to mitigate the operational impact of incidents such as that caused by cable theft in the Woking area on 10.06.11.

3.4 On 06.02.12 the Director, Policy & Investigation, responded to the Office of Rail Regulation's Periodic Review 2013, Consultation on Incentives.

3.5 On 01.03.12 the Director, Policy & Investigation, responded to the Office of Rail Regulation's consultation on its proposed increased role in regulating passenger franchises in England and Wales.

3.6 On 05.03.12 the Director, Policy & Investigation, responded to Transport for London's consultation on river crossings.

**4 Equalities and inclusion implications**

4.1 In accordance with London TravelWatch's duties under the Disability Discrimination Act and other legislation, account is taken when responding to consultations on

proposals from external bodies of their particular impact (if any) on the needs of people whose access to transport may be restricted by reason of disability or social exclusion.

## **5 Legal powers**

- 5.1 Section 248 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 places upon London TravelWatch (as the London Transport Users Committee) a duty to consider - and where it appears to the Committee to be desirable, to make recommendations with respect to - any matter affecting the functions of the Greater London Authority or Transport for London which relate to transport (other than of freight). Section 252A of the same Act (as amended by Schedule 6 of the Railways Act 2005) places a similar duty upon the Committee to keep under review matters affecting the interests of the public in relation to railway passenger and station services provided wholly or partly within the London railway area, and to make representations about them to such persons as it thinks appropriate.

## **6 Financial implications**

- 6.1 No specific financial implications for London TravelWatch arise from this report.

**SUMMARY OF RAIB INVESTIGATION REPORTS INTO INCIDENTS OCCURRING IN THE LONDON RAILWAY AREA, AND OF LONDON UNDERGROUND FORMAL INQUIRY REPORTS, WHERE THESE AFFECT PASSENGER SAFETY ISSUES (updated 06.03.12)**

Date	Location	Line/operator	Nature of incident	Subject of recommendations
24.03.11	Charing Cross	Bakerloo line	Service suspended because of flooding caused by incident which emptied Trafalgar Square fountains <sup>1</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- reviewing Formal Incident Management procedures</li> <li>- liaison with emergency services</li> <li>- briefing of Emergency Response Unit personnel</li> </ul>
26.05.11	Kentish Town	First Capital Connect	Train moved with some doors open after being stranded without ventilation for a prolonged period as a result of overhead line problems, during which some passengers opened doors and alighted onto trackside	(report awaited)
25.06.11	Chalfont & Latimer	Metropolitan line	Passenger fell onto track from moving train via inter-car doors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- reviewing cost-benefit analysis of fitting inner inter-car barriers</li> <li>- reviewing effectiveness of signage on inter-car doors</li> </ul>
11.07.11	Warren Street	Victoria line	Train departed with platform-side doors still open, and was stopped part-way into tunnel	(report awaited)
19.07.11	North Wembley	Virgin Trains	Defect in door control mechanism caused it to open while train was travelling at speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- revision of procedures for setting up door catches, locking doors out of use and checking defective doors</li> <li>- revision of instructions governing circumstances in which doors must be taken out of use</li> </ul>
07.01.12	Edgware	Northern line	Suspended ceiling in ticket hall collapsed	(report awaited)
17.02.12	East Croydon	London Tramlink	Tram derailed on points approaching tramstop	(report awaited)

<sup>1</sup> Responsibility for the flooding at Charing Cross lay with Thames Water, so the recommendations in LUL's report relate only to its own response to the emergency.