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Quarterly meeting.

Held at: -

TFL offices Eccleston Place, Boardroom, London.

On: -

Wednesday, 26th July 2006.

In attendance:

Steve Barriff	(Chair)	SB	City of London
Guy Townsend	(Secretary)	GT	Fibernet
Peter Loft	(Joint Chair)	PL	Thames Water
Barry Lucas	(Joint Secretary)	BTL	Islington / Northeast London Group
Barry Rainger		BR	Openreach
Keith O'Brien		KO'B	thus
Bob Bayley		JB	TfL
Dave Redfearn		DR	Metropolitan Police
Peter Dixon		PD	Croydon / South London Group
Nigel Bennett		NB	National Grid Gas
Mark Ostheimer		MO	NTL:Telewest
Tony Pegrum		TP	Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
Eddie Owens		EO	Three Valleys Water
Louise Nagle		LO	Hammersmith & Fulham / North West London Group
Mark Barber		MB	EDF Energy
Dave Lambert		DL	Bromley
Tony Norman		TN	Network Rail
Jim Blewett		JB	TfL
Julie Ulliott		JU	National Grid

Apologies for absence:

Neil Davies	ND	Metropolitan Police
Julia Burgoyne	JBu	W.S.Atkins (Cable & Wireless)

1. **Presentation by Mem Baybars & Gavin Coutts (TfL) on the Tour De France 2007**

There will be the opening Ceremony in Trafalgar Square on Friday 6th July 2007 at 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

There will be the Prologue Stage in the Central Westminster Area on the 7th July 2007 between 3.30pm and 7.00pm. A map of the route for the prologue is attached to these minutes.

Stage 1 will be on the 8th July 2007 from 11.30am to 5.00pm. Starting in The Mall through the City of Westminster, City of London, London Borough of Southwark, London Borough of Lewisham and London Borough of Greenwich then out into Kent. An outline of the route showing traffic impact area is attached to these minutes.

Throughout the three days the main press centre and base for the event will be in the Excel Centre in the Docklands and everything will be going back and forth between the two points during this time.

There was a suggestion from JU that the affected streets are marked on the Street Gazetteer now so everyone can pick up the information in advance. BB was unsure how that can be done at this time.

MO asked if it will be on LondonWorks. The general feeling is that it should be recorded on there.

NB asked if detailed maps are available. These will not be available until October when the formal announcement is made.

BL asked about diversions as they will affect a large area – the Traffic Impact Zone is attached to these minutes.

If anyone has any further questions please contact Mem Baybars on (020) 7126 4961 or email MemBaybars@tfl.gov.uk.

2. **Presentation by Ian Elliott (Met. Police) on Plant Thefts**

£38m pounds worth of plant is reported stolen of which about 5% is recovered. Insurance estimates put the true figures of theft as high as £800m.

The main thing is that there is no real information storage facility for the items of plant. There are moves afoot to register on a central database all plant and give each item a unique number (if the manufacturer puts an identification badge on it at time of manufacture this number can be used). DVLA cannot run such a system as they only deal with self propelled items (these should be on the DVLA system anyway). They are looking to launch the registration system on the 29th November 2006 for a start on 1st January 2007. Further details are available from Ian Elliot on 020 7230 7732 or email ian.elliott@met.police.uk.

3. **Introductions**

4. **Apologies: -**

See list above.

5. **Minutes of the last meeting & Matters Arising from Last Minutes: -**

The secretary apologises for still not being able to spell Ostheimer correctly.

Julie Ulliott represents National Grid not National Grid Transco.

Steve Barriff pointed out that it is now City of London not Corporation of London.

Tony Pegrum asked for the minutes to read Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea.

6. **National & Regional HAUC Matters & Traffic Management Act**

- a) Traffic Management Act Implementation. – DfT has announced a new timetable and this is attached to these minutes.
- b) Intervention Criteria. – This is out for comment at the current time and comments must be received by the 27th September 2006 – attached. – **ACTION All London Boroughs.**
- c) Notices. – Consultation in August.
- d) Permits. – October for further meetings.

- e) Best Practice Guide in Streetworks. – comments please (attached).
- f) National Street Gazetteer. – With National Streetworks Highways Group.
- g) Compliance Testing. – A national scheme for Compliance Testing of bound layers would be the ideal scenario but is some way off at this time.
- h) Training. – There seems to be some movement on this as Scotland want revisions in place by April 2007. DfT to talk to Scotland to try to pull it all together. The registration number is to be put on the front and back of the card to avoid fraud.

7. London HAUC Expo.

Vicky Kafetzi (TfL) has sent out an email asking for volunteers for the first meeting of the organising committee for next year's expo. The likely candidates are Steve Barriff, Barry Lucas, Louise Nagle (via email only) and one other LA representative. The utilities will be represented by Peter Loft, Steve Leeks, Nigel Bennett and Eddie Owens.

8. TfL Issues.

- a) Western Extension of the Congestion Charge Zone. – The Memorandum of Understanding (Draft) which was sent out has been passed to the TfL lawyers. Both London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham and Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea will not be signing on to the document. LN said that she could not work with the document as it strands. MO said that it was flawed and bits of the document did not make sense. It appeared to be using a 'sledgehammer to crack a nut'. There could well be some sense in a meeting with Peter Brown on this subject.
- b) Site Meetings and Dates of Works. – KOB had a site meeting to agree timescales etc. for some works, but he cannot have dates until the works have been approved but Network Assurance. BB said that this issue was under internal discussion at this time. PD said that the first they were hearing about some jobs was when the notices come in with agreed with on them, site meetings only agree how not necessary when the works can take place.

9. Met Police

DR said that there is a possibility that Police support/input into Streetworks may be withdrawn (again). There is a meeting on Thursday on this issue. DR to let people know what is discussed after the meeting.

10. LHAUC Web Site.

The web site is to be upgraded at the end of the year when all the items requested will be sorted out. There will be a further meeting of the web group to finalise content. Web site is www.lhauc.co.uk.

11. London HAUC Considerate Contractor's Scheme.

PL had a missive from CLP expressing concern about the CLP Scheme. SJB has been contacted by Matthew Mace (CLP). The aspect of cost still seems to be the stumbling block. The City of London Scheme is free and it works. The plan is take this on and spread the word. LHAUC to look at the results from the standard criteria and score accordingly. It was thought that the best thing is for the joint chairs to write to CLP laying down the LHAUC position on this and thanking them for their work. The Expo 2007 would be a good time to launch the scheme to the masses. LN offered to look at the CLP document and tweak as necessary.

12. Matters arising from the Meeting of 1st February 2006 not already covered.

- a) SJB – item 10b. SJB has tweaked the title of the document and added a paragraph. This will now be signed of by the joint chairs. Copy attached. **ACTION Chairs.**
- b) Item 12-1. Should read Good Practice not Best Practice.
- c) Jim DeSouza meeting 3 weeks ago on information on recycled materials. FM Conway has a crushing plant for SE England and is looking for further sites.
- d) Item 12-4. LBHF asked for contacts and have received these and are looking at procedures and agreements for the area and to possible roll these out across London. LBHF have trailed a cleaning system and will try to push this elsewhere as well. TfL are having problems with this issue as they have too many arms.

- e) Item 12-5. PD said that there had been no improvement and had just recently had notices from COLT to carry out major works across the borough without there being any approach to LBC or attendance at co-ordination meetings etc. The Guidance Note is attached for reminders of approved procedures.

13. Any Other Business

- a) Idle Charge – WCC. There has been a meeting on this and whether or not it is workable. There is a requirement for a specification for carriageway plates. NJUG will be inputting into the discussions.
- b) PD said that Southern Gas Networks have taken the decision not to reline some mains but install new ones instead. He was wondering if this is a policy with SGN. His concern that this will cause more congestion although SGN are not present today NB said that this is most probably due to pressure problems needing a larger diameter main. He will ask SGN to reply to PD's letter.
- c) NB mentioned the Surveyor article on Chapter 8 changes which have far reaching recommendations applying to vehicles, safety areas etc.
http://www.dft.gov.uk/stellent/groups/dft_roads/documents/page/dft_roads_611951.pdf &
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- d) NB asked about waste legislation and it was decided to see if we can get someone from the Environment Agency to come and discuss at LHAUC.
- e) EO said that TVW do not have a drought order in place at this time.
- f) EO also said that they are currently suffering 3 times the usual number of burst mains for this time of year and these must be put down to the weather causing the ground to dry out and move.
- g) BL asked if everyone could check their details on the contact list.
- h) PL asked about the section 58 procedure as it was left with a meeting required between PL, BB, TP and another is to be arranged.
- i) PL asked about road closure charges – with the ALG.
- j) PL – TfL consultation was only passed to NJUG members and should go to all.
- k) SJB – as Roger Khanna has now left it has been decided that his place will be taken by Helena Kakouratos.

14. Date of Future Meetings.

25th October 2006 in the Boardroom at Eccleston Place.

