

Minutes of 44th Board Meeting

Held on 25 March 2010

John Armit, Sir Roy McNulty, Lorraine Baldry, David Fison, Baroness Sally Morgan, David Taylor, Tony Ball, Christopher Garnett, Stephen Duckworth, Sir Nicholas Serota, Kumar Muthalagappan

Apologies

Neale Coleman and Barry Camfield sent their apologies as they were unable to attend the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Christopher Garnett declared an interest as a Member of the Board of Transport for London.

Minutes of Previous Meeting & Actions Arising

The Board agreed the Minutes of the 43rd Board Meeting held on 25 February 2010.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted the good progress that was being made on site, as seen by the members on the tour that morning.

Chief Executive Report

The Chief Executive presented his report. He drew attention to the following points in particular:

The venues and infrastructure were 62% complete.

The performance on health and safety remained good.

The IBC and MPC were ahead of schedule.

Broxbourne had been delayed by the severe weather but was getting back on schedule.

The 11 Key Principles on Park Operations had been signed by GOE, LOCOG and the ODA.

CLM were planning to introduce a roving supervisor to inspect materials in the supply chain to prevent any issues with quality assurance.

The overall budget and likely outturn cost were reviewed by ODA and were found to be well-balanced. It was decided for the ODA to also review the Park Operations budget and the GOE the governance structures.

The Board noted the Chief Executive's report dated March 2010.

Public Transport (Games Time Operations) Business Case

The Head of Transport and the Head of Spectator Transport explained necessary plans to enhance transport services and compensation payments for free travel. They were in discussion with Transport for London, Network Rail, and the Train Operating Companies (TOCs), as well as the Department for Transport (DfT), which funded the TOCs.

The aim was to provide better services during the day and at night, through providing longer trains rather than more services, though a few plans for extra services past midnight and on specific lines, were decided. Bus enhancements were not included as they were expected to be covered by City Operations.

The risk of industrial action during Games time was discussed. It was agreed that the test events would provide an opportunity to engage transport staff and their families in the Games preparation.

The Board approved the Public Transport (Games Time Operations) Business Case.

Communications

The Head of Communications noted that the recent PAC hearing had gone well.

The Board noted the activity undertaken by ODA Communications since the last Board meeting, and the planned programme of major events/announcements for the month ahead.

Audit Committee

The Chairman noted that the 90 Day Plan and One Team approach being taken in the Village were designed to meet the audit report's recommendations.

Planning Committee

The Board noted the final minutes of the 61st Planning Committee meeting.

SHE Committee

The Chairman noted that all Board members were welcome to attend the forthcoming Health and Safety awards, but that the members of the SHE Committee, and the Board Chairman, were all expected to attend.

Any Other Business

Tabled Paper – Olympic Park Visitor Attraction

The Chief Executive explained that the ODA was responsible for the Park and landscaping, and that the Mayor was responsible for the visitor attraction on the Park. The selected attraction, to be located between the Stadium and the Aquatics Centre, would be privately financed, and was the work of Anish Kapoor.

It was agreed that there should be a site tour after a future meeting in the summer, to include partners.