SG-DfT Bilateral Meeting (London) - 18 November 2015

Attendance

12:00-13:00 high-level telephone conference meeting

Dan Moore - DfT

Don McGillivray - SG

[redacted] - Transport Scotland

Also in attendance at Great Minster House:

[redacted] - SG

[redacted] – Transport Scotland

[redacted] - DfT

[redacted] - DfT

13:00-14:30 officials meeting at Great Minster House

[redacted] - SG

[redacted] - Transport Scotland

[redacted] - DfT

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Key decisions/actions

Programme Board

- A joint Programme Board will be established comprising senior figures from DfT (Dan Moore), Scottish Government (Don McGillivray), Transport Scotland [redacted], BTPA [redacted] and SPA [redacted]. BTP and PS will be called upon as and when necessary but will not be formal members.
- The Programme Board will meet once every 2-3 months possibly initially every 2 months alternating between London and Edinburgh/Glasgow with the host being responsible for secretariat duties.
- SG [redacted] will draft the terms of reference for the Programme Board.
- Its first meeting will be in Scotland in January [Thursday 21 January].

Stakeholder forum

- A separate stakeholder forum, including RDG's Security Group, ATOC, Network Rail, EWS and the BTP Federation, should be established where PSAs and other issues can be discussed. [redacted].

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Consultation paper

- SG [redacted] will share with DfT (in the first week of December) and with the Programme Board (in the first week of January) a draft of its consultation document on the SG's ambitions. The plan is for it to issue before March 2016.

New BTPA Chair

- DfT informed SG about the identity of the new BTPA Chair and agreed to provide a copy of the press notice – copy sent on 19 November.

Ministerial involvement

- DfT and SG will both ensure that its Ministers are sighted on the proposed way forward.
- DfT noted that at this stage direct ministerial engagement had been limited.

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