



LoBEG – North East Area

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Date: 06/12/2016 **Time:** 13.45
Venue: London Borough of Enfield Civic Centre
Minutes by: Declan Lynch
Status: - **DRAFT**

				Attendance Register 2016/17					
	Name	Borough	Position	April 16	June 16	Aug 16	Oct 16	Dec 16	Feb 17
1	Declan Lynch (DL)	Waltham Forest	Area Chair	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
2	Alwarsamy Rengamannar (AR)	Newham	Member	A	✓	✓	A	A	
3	Unal Mehmet (UM)	Redbridge	Member	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4	Graham Nicholls (GN)	Barking & Dagenham	Member	A	✓	A	A	A	
5	Demos Kettenis (DK)	Barking & Dagenham	Member	A	✓	✓	A	A	
6	John Yiangou (JY)	Haringey	Member	A	✓	A	✓	✓	
7	Tony Isaac (TI)	Havering	Member	A	A	✓	✓	✓	
8	Steve Rowland (SR)	Enfield	Member	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	
9	Richard McFarlane (RM)	LoBEG	Package Leader	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	
10	Joe Figurado (JF)	LoBEG	Deputy Package Leader	✓	A	✓	✓	A	
11	Bhavin Shah	FSW	LoBEG Assistance	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	
12	Sanjiv Uppal (SU)	TfL	Guest	A	A	A	A	A	
13	Nick Burgess (NB)	LuL	Guest	A	A	A	A	A	
14	Siddikur Rahman (SRa)	TfL	Guest	A	A	A	A	A	
15	Fouad Khazen	Enfield	Member	A	A	✓	✓	✓	
16	Duro Basic	TfL	Guest	A	A	A	✓	A	
17	Alex Hamilton	Network Rail	Guest	A	A	A	✓	A	

18	Stephen Loynes	Barking & Dagenham	Member	A	A	A	A	✓	
19	Colin Payne	Barking & Dagenham	Member	A	A	A	A	✓	
20	John Royd	Arcadis	Guest	A	A	A	A	✓	



Distribution List:

- a) All above
- b) Executive Committee
- c) Final minutes to be placed at LoBEG.Com member's area.

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MINUTES

1.0 Introduction & Attendance Register	
2.0 Apologies	
Apologies received from Alwarsamy Rengamannar and Sanjiv Uppal. SU advised his area of TfL is undergoing a restructuring and he may not be the first point of contact for the NE area. SU will update the outcomes on the reorganisation.	
3.0 Approval of Minutes	
Minutes approved.	
4.0 Matters Arising	
Colin Payne (LBBD), Stephen Loynes (LBBD) and John Royd (Arcadis) will be representing Barking & Dagenham going forward.	
5.0 LoBEG Executive meeting feedback (DL)	
5.1 Elections at 2016 AGM – New Chairman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Chair Paul Monaghan announced he was stepping down as Chairman. • Members should consider standing for Chairman. It is a very rewarding role. 	ALL
5.2 Poor attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were not enough members present to form a quorum, the last Executive Committee Meeting was cancelled. • The next meeting is planned for 26th January 2017. 	
5.3 Autumn Seminar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn Seminar took place on Friday 21st October at the 	

<p>Sherlock Holmes Park Plaza.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All NE Area members were pleased with the presentations and the venue 																									
<p>5.4 LoBEG Subscriptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waltham Forest, Newham, Redbridge, Enfield and Barking & Dagenham have paid their subscriptions. Haringey subscription outstanding. JY explained there was a new finance system in place and is awaiting Nicky Moodley to complete a questionnaire. 	JY																								
<p>5.5 LoBEG Constitution – No update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Much debate regarding the LoBEG Constitution.</i> <i>In previous years the AGM elects a Chair, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer every two years. The AGM has also elected the Package Leader and Deputy Package Leader. Area Chairs have been elected in locally within each Sector.</i> <i>The Constitution states the Sector Leaders are elected locally within each Sector.</i> <i>JF has altered the Construction to reflect current practice. There is debate within the Executive as to whether the Constitution should change, or changes should be made in the electoral process to reflect the Constitution.</i> <i>Next elections take place in February 2017.</i> <i>Further debate about contributions from LoBEG to Boroughs for representing LoBEG.</i> 																									
6.0 LoBEG / Network Rail Working Group																									
<p>6.1 Latest meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Latest meeting took place on 14th November. JF has distributed minutes and please note any actions. Anglia member was not in attendance for this meeting. Next meeting pencilled in for 14th March 2017. 	JF																								
<p>6.2 BridgeGuard3 Refunds – Members need to chase NR for refunds</p> <p>Current status of refunds below from members:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="256 1493 1239 1797"> <thead> <tr> <th>Borough</th> <th>Refund</th> <th>Status</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Barking & Dagenham</td> <td>£9949.17</td> <td>Agreed, awaiting refund</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Enfield</td> <td>£2320.01</td> <td>Refunded</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Haringey</td> <td>£0.00</td> <td>No refund due</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Havering</td> <td>£7274.12</td> <td>Agreed, awaiting refund</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Newham</td> <td>£26847.74</td> <td>Agreed, awaiting refund</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Redbridge</td> <td>£0.00</td> <td>No refund due</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waltham Forest</td> <td>£12417.04</td> <td>Agreed, awaiting refund</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Details of refund process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All members to agree with Network Rail estimate and contact 	Borough	Refund	Status	Barking & Dagenham	£9949.17	Agreed, awaiting refund	Enfield	£2320.01	Refunded	Haringey	£0.00	No refund due	Havering	£7274.12	Agreed, awaiting refund	Newham	£26847.74	Agreed, awaiting refund	Redbridge	£0.00	No refund due	Waltham Forest	£12417.04	Agreed, awaiting refund	
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<p>for a refund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kafui Klutse (Kafui.Klutse@networkrail.co.uk) • NR will send a Purchase Order to each Borough. The Borough will then produce an invoice unique number. • NR will make payment. Once Borough has made payment then this money must be transferred to TfL. • Members are encouraged to contract NR to chase up refunds. 	ALL
<p>6.3 Network Rail Senior Asset Structures Engineer – Alex Hamilton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RM/BS to email Alex Hamilton to invite for the Asset Management Working Group to standardise inspection pro-forma if Network Rail is to carry out rail side inspections. <p><i>Notes from previous meeting:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Alex Hamilton is the senior structures engineer for the Anglia Route. The majority of the LoBEG NE Sector road over rail bridges fall in the Anglia Route.</i> • <i>AH wants a closer working relationship between the Boroughs and Network Rail.</i> • <i>All Boroughs have been given Dashboard access to view inspections of Network Rail structures in the Anglia Region. If members do not have access please email Alex Hamilton directly. (Email: Alex.Hamilton@networkrail.co.uk)</i> • <i>AH proposed a system by where Network Rail will examine the underside of a bridge structure over the railway with a recharge for the Boroughs. The advantage for both parties is that it will be significantly cheaper and simpler than Boroughs securing possessions through Asset Protection.</i> • <i>There needs to be some discussion over standards as Network Rail and LoBEG/BCI use different standards. However, all members agreed that this should be easily overcome.</i> • <i>RM invited AH to the LoBEG Asset Management Working Group to establish specification.</i> • <i>AH will be using the Anglia Region as pilot which could rolled out to the other Network Rail regions.</i> 	BS
<p>6.4 Control Period 6 – 2019 to 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members urged to give any requirement for road over rail bridges to JF to ensure they are included in work streams. • Members must include the Network Rail ID on any correspondence. • Lianna Barrow (lianna.barrow@networkrail.co.uk) is compiling the lists. However JF is coordinating the works to ensure a London-wide approach and will be focusing on BE4 failures. 	
7.0 LoBEG /London Underground Working Group	
No update.	

8.0 LoBEG Package Update – RM	
<p>2016/17 Allocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LoBEG’s 2016/17 budget was £13.1m and £4.1m was taken forward to 2017/18. The balance of £9.0m working budget for 2016/17. B5 recommendation £7.0m with £2.0m provision for H&F Bridge which was not recommended. Members to note 2016/17 - £9.0m budget is now fully committed. No room to manoeuvre for any new bids recommendations. Now members have notified the B5 recommendations through the BridgeStation (no-reply email) For all new bids recommended at B4 – members need to make the TfL portal Bids. 	
<p>2017/18 Bids</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LoBEG’s 2017/18 budget expected to be similar amount as 2015/16, approximately £9M. TfL Surface Board to confirm in December meeting Members encouraged to put bids on the TfL Portal in advance of selection by LoBEG. 	ALL
<p>Bids for 2017 – 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LoBEG has produced report showing full Strengthening Programme costing £150M lasting 10 years. Settlement expected to be about £9M in 2017/18, but reducing thereafter. Awaiting confirmation on OSM, Re-assessments and BCI projects 	ALL
9.0 LoBEG – Asset Management Working Group – BS	
<p>9.1 Asset Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audited Whole Government Accounts (WGA) expected in 2017/18 has been deferred. BridgeStation has been updated to enable all items to be “three clicks away” Note to Boroughs about giving access to users who can change elements. Users should be fully-trained as FSW has noticed a number of mistakes when a Graduate Engineer was changing the elements. FSW has had to step in and clear up a number of incorrect elements. Full updates on LoBEG.com 	ALL
<p>9.2 BridgeStation Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresher course took place in November Training planned in March 2017 to include Life Cycle Planning 	

and Toolkit	
<p>9.4 BCI Progress 2016/17 Phase 3.2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All boroughs have responded to Abdul Hilmy's email regarding bridge inspections. Enfield will be carrying out its own inspections, possible Newham. • Inspections will be procured via Capita 	ALL
<p>9.4 BCI Progress 2017/18 Phase 3.3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The BCI programme funding has been removed by TfL. • All members present agreed they wanted the continuation of the BCI programme to provide good background data for the structures stock. • RM will be taking this forward with TfL. 	
10.0 Borough Scheme Progress	
<p>10.1 Barking and Dagenham – Absent</p> <p><u>New team at Council</u> Stephen Loynes (Structural Engineer/Bridge Manager) and Colin Payne (Team Leader Built Environment and Civil Engineering) have are now managing highway structures at B&D. LBBB has employed Jon Royds from consultant Arcadis to carry out the inspections backlog.</p> <p><u>2016/17 Inspections</u> LBBB has instructed Arcadis to undertake 27No (19 GI, 6PI, 2 road over rail) inspections and upload to Bridgestation and this is currently underway.</p> <p><u>2017/18</u> Inspection programme is 15No GI and 8No PI.</p> <p><u>Station Parade</u> Will look to restart project.</p> <p><u>LoBEG.com Details</u> LBBB to send contact details to BS to update on LoBEG.com</p>	
<p>10.2 Enfield – Steve Rowland</p> <p><u>Phase 3.2 BCI inspections - £51k</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspections ongoing and due to be finished in January <p>Bids for Advent Way declined despite work ordered.</p>	

<p>10.3 Haringey – John Yiangou <u>Station Road Bridge Strengthening – Haringey owned Structure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016/17 Allocation £100k • Tenders received approx. £1.5M (increase from £1.2M) excluding statutory utility diversions and fees. Total scheme closer to £1.8M • JY said he cannot formally appoint contractor until 2017/18 funding has been confirmed. • RM states all projects have annualised budgets. <p><u>Wightman Road Bridge Strengthening - NR owned Structure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected allocation is £2.3M (decrease from £2.65M) with £2M already spent • Awaiting final account from Network Rail 	
<p>10.4 Havering – Tony Isaac <u>£53k allocation for 12 assessments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be reduced to £38k as programme has slipped. <p><u>Marsh Way Railway bridge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridge joints due to be replaced in January • TI to email JF/RM outlining issues with the structure. 	
<p>10.5 Newham - Alwarsamy Rengamannar – absent, update via email <u>Gorse Bridge (A11) - £20k</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal of Expansion joint (£20K allocation): Works due to completed at the end of this week. No change in budget <p><u>BCI Inspection Programme - £30k</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspection of Principal Road Highway structures is ongoing and it will be completed by the end of January 2016. No change in budget. 	
<p>10.6 Redbridge – Unal Mehmet <u>Hainault Street Bridge – NR owned structure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016/17 allocation £70k has been withdrawn and put in next year due to slowness in scheme. • Three assessments have been carried out on structure. • Bridge has a 7.5T weight limit with a BE4 pass. <p><u>Hollybush Bridge</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works costing approx. £250k (increase from £130k) • Replacing masonry parapet. Contractor Goldhawk is carrying out the design work. • Works have been delayed. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LUL interested in scheme and may use is successful. 	
<p>10.7 Waltham Forest – Declan Lynch <u>Wadham Road Viaduct</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016/17 allocation £75k • Tenders return – CRL awarded contract • Non-possession related works completed. • Having difficulty securing possessions and may need to reduce allocation. <p><u>Blackhorse Lane Culvert</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016/17 allocation - £50k • Trench excavated during October half term • Draft report due in December, final report February 2017. <p><u>Coppermill Stream</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016/17 allocation - £35k • Works completed in September and final account paid. 	
<p>11.0 Transport for London – Duro Basic not present</p>	
<p>From October 2016 minutes <i>Two main areas of change:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Annual transport Government grant of £3bn is being phased out over the five few years; there are no proposals from Central Government to provide any alternative funding and;</i> • <i>New Mayor elected with new manifest to:-</i> <p><i>Within the new Mayor’s manifesto is a commitment to freeze fares challenge all activities and budgets to ensure TfL business processes becomes more efficient delivering better value for money for London ratepayers.</i></p> <p><i>Overall this has resulted in average 10-20% across the board reduction in budgets and hence spending. However, the reduction will not fall equally based on spending pledges and operation commitments.</i></p> <p><i>Broadly speaking, TfL is split into three parts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rail-related activity – revenue from fares with minor surplus</i> • <i>Buses – revenue from fares, minor deficit</i> • <i>Roads – No fares revenue, large deficit</i> <p><i>With the total reduction of the government grant, there are high-level discussions with TfL to generate additional revenue such as through the Vehicle Excise Duty. However, these are long lead items and additional funding from this source may not be realised for some time.</i></p>	

<p><i>The result is TfL is analysing every piece of spending within its remit, and that includes the Borough Bridges Assessment & Strengthening Programme.</i></p>	
<p><i>Borough Bridges Assessment & Strengthening Programme</i></p> <p><i>Borough Bridge Assessment & Strengthening falls within the LIP spending of approximately £160M - £170M per year.</i></p> <p><i>There will be much more pressure on this budget in the future. This annual LIP spending pot of money covers town-centre regeneration, cycle superhighways, etc.</i></p> <p><i>How this money will be distributed will be dependent on TfL Surface Board and will be set against Mayoral policy.</i></p> <p><u><i>There is no guarantee that the Surface Board will continue to fund the Borough Bridges Strengthening Programme as this funding is considered by TfL to be a finite programme with an end date.</i></u></p>	
<p><i>Current Borough Bridge and Strengthening Programme</i></p> <p><i>RM/JF explained current LoBEG approach to funding which is split into:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>- Assessment</i> <i>- Strengthening</i> <i>- Interim Measures</i> <i>- BCI – BPRN</i> <i>- OSM ad hoc basis and subject to funding</i> <p><i>Funding distributed based on BPRN, bus routes, bridge condition and value for money analysis.</i></p> <p><i>Significant achievements from a central voice for London Boroughs, particularly when working with Network Rail and development of BridgeStation.</i></p> <p><i>TfL has been questioning why it should fund inspection, assessment and maintenance for Borough structure.</i></p> <p><i>LoBEG members explained the major risks in removing funding, with Borough budgets being slashed over the past six years.</i></p> <p><i>Sustained funding is required to ensure asset maintainable. Otherwise there will be risks of weight and/or width restrictions.</i></p>	

<i>Borough funding precedent set with Principal Road Renewal.</i>	
12.0 Thames Crossing Group	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update 	
13.0 Bridge Strikes Group	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update 	
14.0 Any other business	
<u>2017/18 Bids on TfL Portal</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DL asked when Boroughs should put their bids onto the TfL Portal. Normally Boroughs wait for instruction from LoBEG. However an email from TfL Sid Rahman requesting bids urgently. RM recommended Boroughs input bids prior to LoBEG recommendations. 	
15.0 Date of Next Meeting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 7th February 2017, Enfield Civic Centre, Meeting Room 1 Block B North. 	