TfL Pension Consultative Council (PCC) Summary of minutes of meeting number 63 held on 19 November 2010

2010 PCC Election Process

The PCC noted the ballot results as follows:

Section One

David Biggs and John Howie were re-elected.

Section Two

Stephen Ellaby was re-elected.

Section Three

Jackie Darby was re-elected and Gilly Leonard-Ross was elected.

The PCC noted the results and congratulated the successful candidates.

Report of Trustee Board Meeting held on 29 September 2010

Change of Director

It was confirmed that Tube Lines and TfL have nominated Dave O'Brien to replace Fergus O'Connell as Trustee Director to take affect at the end of the meeting.

With regard to the nomination from Unite, the Chair indicated that she was actively pursuing its nomination to the Trustee Board and was hopeful that an appointment would be made at the December meeting.

Committees

Investment Committee

The following investment highlights were noted:

- The first quarter (ended June 30) had been negative with the Greek crisis, the Goldman Sachs-SEC issue and the BP oil spill
- Since the end of the first quarter, world equity markets (including the UK) were up by the meeting date, it was noted that the Fund returned 17.8% for the vear surpassing the 15.1% benchmark
- Following its good performance, the Committee had agreed to place a further £100million with JO Hambro.

Actuarial Valuation Committee

The following main points were noted:

Commutation

It was decided not to make any changes to the commutation factors. The factors would be reconfirmed at the November 1 meeting for onward recommendation to the Trustee Board.

Mortality

The Scheme Actuary (Towers Watson) had undertaken extrapolation exercises and along with the Committee and as part of these exercises had considered mortality improvements.

After discussion, the Trustee Board agreed the summary of methodology and assumptions document.

Operations Committee

Points relating to deferred benefits statements, changes to state pension age (SPA), Electronic Trustee Bible, Independent Medical Adviser and ill-health commutation were noted.

State Pension Age

The Committee agreed members who could be affected by changes in State Pension Age (SPA) should be informed.

Electronic Trustee Bible

It was agreed to create an Electronic Trustee Bible (ETB) which would contain Trustee documents.

Independent Medical Adviser

It was noted that the Operations Committee and the Appeals Committee recommended the appointment of Dr Simon Sheard as the Trustee Independent Medical Adviser (IMA) replacing Professor Kevin Holland-Elliott.

Special thanks were extended to two PCC Members, Linda Arwood (Section 1) and Paul Murphy (Section 3).

III-health commutation

The Committee sought to extend the delegated authority vested with the Chair to the Operations Committee to the Fund Secretary to approve the commutation of any pension due under Rule 22(5).

The Board agreed to extend the delegated authority to the Fund Secretary.

Audit Committee

Following its consideration of the accounts (signed off by the Board), the June meeting sought further information on pooled investment vehicles which was then reviewed at the September meeting which also considered the sectional accounts.

Trustee Training

A review was undertaken on existing levels of Trustee training and after discussion, the Board agreed the future programme of Trustee training sessions.

Annual Members' Meeting

A 'questions and answers' document in readiness of the 2010 AMM was reviewed and Trustees were asked to make any further input as soon as possible.

Review of 2010 AMM

The PCC agreed that it was worthwhile to take a stand at the AMM and that they should do so again next year.

It was agreed that further background information about the PCC should be made available to members and suggestions included via otm, with future ballot papers and within Pensionews.

Restriction of Tax Relief on Pension Contributions

Mr Field reported that initial analysis indicated only a small number of members were immediately affected by this change although further data analysis was required.

Missing periods of pensionable service

Mr Field's update report was noted.

Tube Lines – PCC Section

The PCC determined that the Tube Lines' employees should remain in Section Three and that the Constitution should be amended accordingly.

Mr Field advised that he will now seek TfL's agreement to the change.

Minutes of PWG meeting held on 24 June 2010

The minutes were noted.

Minutes of Pensioners' Forum Meeting held on 9 August 2010

The minutes were noted.