

GLA11/8.1 GLA/HSE Merger

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BOARD PAPER REFERENCE – GLA9/8.6 – GLA/HSE MERGER

Issue.

1. Routine update on merger of GLA into a refocused HSE as recommended by the Hampton report, and as previously briefed to the GLA Board.

Recommendations.

2. Board to note:

- a. Letter to SoS sent by Chairman as agreed by GLA Board on 26 Apr 06, and as already copied to them. Reply expected by 16th June.
- b. 3rd meeting of HSE/GLA Steering Group held 10 May 06 (Chairman Graeme Walker, with Ray Anderson, Mike Wilson and Ray Dawson, supported by HSE secretariat). Project still on schedule to complete by 31 Mar 09.
- c. Only the Finance Working Group has met to date 3rd meeting to be held on 16 June. Accommodation, HR, Enforcement and Communications still to meet.
- d. IT Working Group to meet on 29 June.
- e. 4th meeting of HSE/GLA Steering Group to consider Relocation paper, Risks & Issues, and SoS response (if received) to Chairman's letter.
- f. HSC will consider the Options Paper and GLA Board response on 4 July.
- g. Merger plan to be presented to Better Regulation Executive Sep 06 for approval.
- h. Consultation (on options only) to follow BRE approval.

Timing.

3. Routine.

Background.

4. Nothing new to add.