

NET SAFETY ISSUES

1. SUMMARY OF ISSUES

- 1.1. This report provides an update on the investigations by the Rail Accident Investigation Branch (RAIB) into the fatal incident that occurred in Croydon in 2016 and informs the Committee of a road traffic collision on NET, between a heavy goods vehicle and a tram, that occurred in August 2018.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. It is RECOMMENDED that the Committee notes this report.

3. CROYDON ACCIDENT, NOVEMBER 2016

- 3.1. As reported to the Committee at the meeting in March 2018, the RAIB has made 15 recommendations intended to improve safety, following the accident in Croydon in which seven people died and 61 were injured, with the areas of recommendation including:

- technology, such as automatic braking and systems to monitor driver alertness;
- better understanding the risks associated with tramway operations, particularly when the tramway is not on a road, and the production of guidance on how these risks should be managed;
- improving the strength of doors and windows;
- improvements to safety management systems, particularly encouraging a culture in which everyone feels able to report their own mistakes and other safety issues;
- A dedicated safety body for UK tramways.

- 3.2. These recommendations are currently being considered by tram network owners and operators (including Nottingham City Council, Tramlink Nottingham and Nottingham Trams).

4. ROAD TRAFFIC COLLISION – PHOENIX PARK

- 4.2. On Tuesday 7th August Tram 204 was involved in a collision with a heavy goods vehicle at Phoenix Park. The road in this area runs parallel with the tram tracks, the driver of the tram noticed the HGV travelling alongside and thought he was travelling too fast to stop at the give way sign prior to crossing the tracks. The tram driver applied the brakes and stopped the tram just prior to the junction, however the articulated unit of the HGV cut across the front of the tram causing substantial damage to the tram cab. The tram driver was taken to QMC as a precaution but left hospital the same day. A young customer, who was travelling with a parent and was shaken from the incident, was provided with a taxi to allow them to continue their journey into the city centre.



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