

DfT Transport Sector Transparency Board - Minutes

Great Minster House, London 3-5pm 7 February 2013

Attendees: Steve Gooding, DG Domestic, DfT (Chair)
Prof. Jonathan Raper, CEO Placr
Nick Illsley, Transport Direct, DfT
Jessie Owen, Information and Security, DfT
Hannah John, Privacy Representative, DfT

Apologies: Christopher Muttukumaru, GCO SIRO, DfT
Andrew Stott, Public Sector Transparency Board
Miles Gibson, No 10
Tim Stamp, Statistics, DfT
Helen Morris, Driving Agency Sponsor, DfT
Hazel Lee, Cabinet Office

Previous Minutes discussion

1. An update was provided on Actions outstanding from the previous meeting:

- i) Fares data - has now been published on the ATOC website. JR expressed about the usefulness of mining the data and also the contents of the forthcoming Fares and Ticketing Review.
- ii) CAA data - DfT has written to CAA as requested at the last meeting (copy attached) and CAA will report back on progress at the next meeting.

Action: NI to brief John Parkinson, Aviation Policy DfT (Jonathan Moor temporarily seconded to another post)

- iii) VOSA data - The Board noted that DfT has now issued its response to the Motorists Forum.

Action: NI to contact VOSA in relation to the timing of the MoT data release consultation and reiterate the point that the Open Data Community are happy with some form of administrative process (e.g. the good cause checking of applications for access)

- iv) National street gazetteer and addressing data – it is not currently known whether this action had been progressed

Action: NI to find out whether Geoplace has talked to Ordnance Survey and local government partners about options for making ASD available without the need for an OS licence and report back to the TSB

EU transport datasets

2. The Board discussed EU transport transparency initiatives

Action: NI to ensure that Robin Groth (Rail) is sighted on NI's connections with the EU Intelligent Transport Systems Directive and Action Plan

Action: NI to investigate whether ATOC or DfT can be agents for releasing the EU Merits train dataset

Written Ministerial Statement

3. Written Ministerial Statement will show that all transport commitments of 2011/12 and 2012/13 have all been met.

Action: NI to update and republish word document listing all data releases

Big Data

4. Whether DfT is making enough use of open data for our own business and wider public benefit was discussed. This included our role in facilitating and encouraging re-use from a wider spectrum of potential data users and 'unblocking' the data required.

Action: NI to engage with Government Digital Service to see whether they can help DfT to engage more widely and get feedback on potential data uses

Local Public Sector Data Panel – Consultation Document

5. The TSB welcomed that these issues are being addressed and mapped out. However, there was concern that some of the content relating to trading funds was not consistent with open data principles.

Action: Feedback to highlight ongoing concern with role of trading funds and open access to data

Action: NI to invite Shareholder Executive to attend a future TSB to discuss role of trading funds and open data

Traveline Services

6. DfT is actively considering the information architecture and data structures of journey planner services, seeking to simplify this for end users (within this current year).

Action: TSB to review the issue of journey planner data later in the year

VOSA

7. The issue of releasing bus service registration data is being considered by the Traffic Commissioners.

Action: NI to confirm when the issue will have been considered and an answer provided

Forward Look

8. It was agreed to review the Terms of Reference for the TSB and agree the purpose and focus of the group as the transparency and open data agenda moves into the next stage.

Action: ALL to review existing ToRs (attached) and provide comments for discussion at the next meeting

Date of Next Meeting

9. The next meeting will be Thursday 4th April at 15:00 in Great Minster House