

## **Appendix 1 - Terms of Reference for European Passenger Group (EPG)**

Composition: Ian Brown CBE (Chairman)

- 1 Board member**
- 2 Co-opted members**
- 1 TOC Liaison with Eurostar**
- 1 European Passenger Federation (EPF) representative**

Reports to: Passenger Group

Quorum: to be agreed by the Group

Routine frequency of meetings: once per year minimum with discussion by email

***Our Vision: An independent organisation whose views are respected by the rail industry, to which decision-makers come for advice and which rail users are proud to join***

***Our Mission: To be the number one advocate for rail users and the rail industry***

### ***Our Wish List:***

- ***Deliver a better service to rail users***
- ***Deliver a bigger rail system***
- ***Transfer more freight from road to rail***

### **Main responsibilities:**

- To formulate, implement and monitor policies to achieve the strategic aims of Railfuture and report progress to Passenger Group (PG)
- To compare British and European practices and make recommendations to Passenger Group
- To make recommendations to Passenger Group in respect of annual budget proposals
- To ensure effective and efficient use of any resources allocated by the Board
- To identify, monitor and review the risks associated with achieving EPG's objectives
- To identify, be aware of and respond as appropriate to relevant external developments that may affect the work of Railfuture
- To be proactive in identifying and evaluating new opportunities for the advancements and developments of Railfuture
- To consider the marketing opportunities of Railfuture's policies
- To consider the impact actions taken in conducting its main responsibilities have on Members

- To review annually the terms of reference and make recommendations to Passenger Group for changes as required
- To review annually Railfuture's international policy and to recommend any changes to Passenger Group on the development of the policy
- To set and review EPG's priorities on an annual basis for approval by Passenger Group
- To consider the international implications of EPG's policies

**Key areas of business:**

- Responses to relevant consultation documents
- Gathering best practice examples across Europe

With reference to rail services:

- between UK and Europe, and
- within Europe and likely to be used by passengers travelling to / from the UK or by UK domiciled passengers (eg services to / from European airports, seaports, and international railheads),

the EPG will:

- 1) campaign for and seek improvements to:
  - the rail services themselves,
  - interconnection to these services, including through ticketing, within UK and to / from onward rail destinations in Europe
  - fares and fares policies,
  - promotion of these services within the UK
  - ability to buy or order tickets from the UK (with particular reference to through tickets, and to journeys not starting in the UK)
- 2) promote and give advice re using such services within Railfuture and the wider public
- 3) liaise with other groups providing, promoting or campaigning for improvements to such services
- 4) liaise with European groups promoting or campaigning for reciprocal improvements in the UK, where the cost of such liaison can be justified
  - Produce a concise update report for consideration at each Passenger Group meeting and articles for consideration for publication in *Railwatch*

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