

Report to the LTRC from NEC Member, Jared Wood

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LTRC IR Issues

LUL Pay & Conditions

A meeting of L2 reps from all functions agreed that we press LUL for an offer that contains and acceptable pay settlement as well as a significant cut in hours. I will now await an update from the RO.

Justice for Stations

Ballot papers go out from 30 Jan to all RCI members. RMT is calling for all RCI vacancies to be filled and for LUL to drop the plan to introduce a new RCO grade and utilise TfL employed enforcement officers on stations

The NEC has also asked that a ballot matrix be prepared of all station staff for action in furtherance of our demands:

- Fill all RCI vacancies
- End lone working on stations
- Safety audit all stations and respective staffing arrangements
- Upgrade all CSA2s to CSA1
- Stop the introduction of RCO
- Parity for stations with T/Ops arrangements for Boxing Day working

Bakerloo Line WTT44/45

Following a fantastic vote to take strike action by Bakerloo Line T/Ops meetings are making some progress at ACAS. The relevant reps have asked that these talks be explored further before we name strike date(s).

Breakdown in IR, Vic Line Service Control, Osborne House

Our members at Osborne House have returned a ballot result of 100% for strike action on a 100% turnout. The RO is pressing LUL for a dispute settlement meeting. I continue to liaise with relevant reps and the question of calling a date for strike action remains under review.

Night Tube Issues – Piccadilly Line

I am awaiting a report on these issues from the RO.

Breakdown in IR, Train Ops Central Line

A meeting remains outstanding of relevant reps, RO and NEC.

Introduction of CBTC, Metropolitan Line

LU's botched attempt to introduce auto-running on the Met Line continues to cause chaos for our members. The NEC has instructed the GS to write a 2nd letter to LUL demanding a cross functional meeting of stations, trains & service control reps on the Met Line with the line management.

Working Conditions Hammersmith Control Centre

I will be meeting with Service Control L2 reps once Bro SF returns from annual leave. We will consider a way forwards on this issue and we will discuss how to further RMTs demands for the function more generally.

ABM Cleaners

I attended a meeting with the RMT parliamentary group where our group stated they would seek to encourage London Labour MPs to write to the London Mayor calling for him to grant staff travel facilities to all contracted cleaners. This will take place within a campaign to demand all cleaners are brought back in-house. I have emphasised the need to include all contracted members in this demand, including many in the engineering function.

Terms & Conditions – Interserve Security Guards

The Piccadilly/District West branch has asked that a questionnaire be sent to all Interserve Security Guards in the LTRC region seeking info on whether working arrangements and annual leave entitlement has been altered without our agreement during TUPE process. I will seek agreement from the NEC to this subject to the agreement of the LTRC meeting.

LTRC Political Issues

Campaign to Restore TfL Subsidy

I look forwards to taking this issue to the NEC after this meeting should the LTRC pass a relevant resolution.

Fight Minimum Service Levels

Several resolutions have been passed by branches and I expect the LTRC to endorse the need for RMT to get organised against the new proposed legislation. The GS has stated that a paper will be put to the NEC on the matter in due course. If this does not take place within 7 days of the LTRC meeting I will seek the agreement of the NEC to put the LTRC resolutions onto the NEC agenda.

National Issues

Our members on SWR took 27 days strike action in December and have now voted for a 5th time to renew the strike mandate. We have now reached agreement on a method of dispatch with Merseyrail, Arriva Rail North and London Midland/NWR. However, the ORR has yet to sign this off.

RMT is seeking a new no compulsory redundancy agreement with Network Rail as the existing agreement was not renewed as part of the pay settlement.

The NEC has agreed to launch a national campaign for station staff. It will centre on Equal pay for work of equal value, addressing workplace violence and lone working, Fatigue & work life balance & ending the use of agency staff. The campaign will dovetail with Justice for Stations on LUL and with demands we are making for station staff on Network Rail and the TOCs.

Our maritime section is engaged in a review of national maritime health & safety rules and we are seeking to address the problem of members who are not taking advantage of occupational pension schemes and do not have any rights to death in service benefits as a result.