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Jubilee Dispute Latest

Following a review meeting with senior management the RMT's executive decided that industrial action was not needed. The Executive decision reads:

"We note the report from our lead officer, which confirms that following a meeting described by our representative as 'positive', there is an action plan to resolve the dispute and that industrial action will not be necessary.

This matter is to be placed back in front of us following the three-month review.

London Transport Regional Council and branches to be advised. Jubilee South branch to be advised by personal letter."

There will be a further review in June to ensure that offers made by management are being met.

Tunnel Repair Job To Take 30 Days

The RMT was very successful in ensuring that work done to repair the tunnel between Bond Street and Baker Street was done without removing tunnel telephone wires without a safe alternative – i.e. fixed phones a short distance apart. At the time there seemed to be a great rush to start the work – now it is yet to begin.

You'll also probably remember the furore the Evening Standard made over our safety dispute – angry that we should delay the work though they clearly didn't understand, or care, what the

issues were. Now they are angry at how long the work will take! It's worth remembering the right-wing press will be against us whatever stance we take. Don't forget though – it's the RMT that always makes the front page!

Service Control Meetings

We now have monthly service control meetings, following the RMT's demand for them as part of our

demands to resolve our dispute. The first one was held last Friday. Issues brought up included unclear or misleading information from service control, the importance of the DISI and

rule books, and the need for respect and politeness to drivers in radio comms. Regarding the DISI the point was reiterated, that if the DISI says out of service – then there is no need for it to be discussed, and the train goes out of service. We are told this point will be conveyed to all parties.

We also discussed the generation of staff errors – asking why it is that at times drivers are being asked

superfluous questions, and DRMs are being sent to investigate at times without having been given basic facts about an error – such as late running being caused by a defect.

The problem with the inaudibility of connect radio was brought up, and it was pointed out that often the LIA is very clear when the controller is not. This will be

investigated.

Thanks to everyone who fed back issues. Please keep doing so – and if possible with times and dates, so these problems can continue to be discussed and dealt with at the service control meetings.

Next branch meeting

The next branch meeting will be held on Wednesday, 15th of May.

All Jubilee South Branch meetings begin at 1600 on payday, in a private room above the 'Blue Eyed Maid' pub in Borough High Street.

Please make every effort to attend as this is where we can all play a part in deciding the direction the union takes.

Stock defects

RMT H&S reps have requested that when reporting a stock defect the unit number, date and time is recorded so that they can follow up the issue.

As we all know they are several recurrent faults, but in order for the h&S reps to properly identify and investigate them, please report these defects with the relevant details to them.