



Press Release

ITSO Restructures Board: New Arrangements Enhance Role of DfT

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At an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members held on 2 June 2009, ITSO took a decision to make changes to the Articles of Association of the Company.

ITSO remains a company limited by guarantee and is still a membership organisation. Members will continue to have the same rights as they had previously. The changes will affect the structure of the ITSO Board for a limited period, until 31 December 2012.

The agreed structural changes to the Board reduce representation of ITSO sectors (namely Bus Operators, Rail Operators, Public Sector and Suppliers) to two representatives from each sector, to offer full membership of the ITSO Board to member representatives from Scotland, Wales and Transport for London, and for the Department for Transport, which will chair the new Board.

ITSO believes that with major commercial and public sector schemes in the process of going live these changes are necessary to continue to develop a collective vision of ITSO and interoperability, to meet the challenges ahead, to keep pace with commercial demands and to support a wide range of smart ticketing implementations.

ITSO Chairman, Neil Scales – who is Chief Executive and Director General of Merseytravel – said: “The sum of the parts is greater than the whole. Having the Department for Transport participating fully at board meetings will strengthen ITSO going forward.”

“The changes will create a greater focus on integration issues between Oyster and ITSO in London and focus on delivering ITSO to the rail sector.”

“The changes were voted for by an overwhelming majority of the members who acknowledge the good work already being done by ITSO.”

Notes to Editors:

ITSO is a non-profit distributing membership organisation run by its members for the benefit of its members and users of smartcard solutions, supported by the UK Department for Transport. ITSO membership comprises transport operators, including both rail companies and bus operators, local and regional authorities and suppliers to the industry. ITSO is working to stimulate adoption, use and widespread application of smart technology in transport.

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