RSSB - focussing on members and collaboration

RSSB has announced a new Senior Leadership Team to lead the company as it puts greater focus on ensuring its members derive the maximum benefit from the organisation’s products and services. The new structure blends the extensive technical knowledge and expertise of RSSB’s employees with promoted talent and the recruitment of external skills and experience. This leadership will ensure greater focus on the needs of RSSB’s members and build stronger collaboration across the rail industry.

The change has been overseen by Chief Executive Officer Chris Fenton, who joined RSSB in 2014. External appointments to the team include Eileen Pevreall, Director of Information Technology, who joins from The Carbon Trust where she was Director of Information Technology, and Mark Phillips, Director of Standards, who joins from National Express where he was Bid Director and Operations Director Rail Development.

RSSB’s key delivery directorates are:

- **System Safety** – George Bearfield
  - Analysing and reporting GB rail’s safety performance and risk.

- **Standards** – Mark Phillips
  - Providing advice and guidance, and developing standards for the rail industry
  - Ensuring that RSSB delivers value for money for its members, enabling the cost of running the network to decrease, and improving the efficiency and safety of the network.

- **Research and Development** – Colin Dennis
  - Ensuring that the Department for Transport funding for the cross-industry R&D programme is used efficiently and effectively, and adds value to the industry.
  - Overseeing that RSSB has the technical skills and tools in place to meet its objectives and the present and future needs of its stakeholders.

- **Innovation** – David Clarke
  - Managing the industry’s innovation programme
  - Focussing on the Rail Technical Strategy, the sustainability of the industry, health and wellbeing, and workforce development.
These are supported by:

- **Commercial & Strategy** – Anson Jack
- **Business Services** – Helen Goodman
- **Information Technology** – Eileen Pevreall
- The newly created **External Engagement** team – John Abbott

The External Engagement team has been established to maintain a proactive relationship between RSSB and its members, focusing on understanding their needs and priorities.

Senior Leadership Team biographies can be found on our website via http://www.rssb.co.uk/about-rssb/governance/senior-leadership-team

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**About RSSB**

The railway is a complex system with multiple interfaces delivered by many different organisations. At RSSB, we bring these different organisations together to make collective decisions.

Through research, the understanding of risk, and analysis, we help the rail industry in the areas of safety, standards, knowledge and innovation. We support the railway too across a wide range of cross-industry topics requiring our knowledge and independence. And we provide a constant point of reference in a changing environment.

Our work involves close collaboration, but as technical experts, we’re also able to step back and provide an informed view. And because we can see both the big picture and the detail, we’re able to furnish the industry with the information and tools it needs to continuously improve.

We’re an expert body with a wide compass of knowledge, skills and experience. We’re owned by the industry but are non-profit-making and independent of any commercial interests. We span the whole system, including in our membership infrastructure companies, train and freight operators, rolling stock owners and suppliers to the industry.

The demand for our services comes from the industry itself, and from the involvement of cross-industry groups. Website: www.rssb.co.uk Twitter: @RSSB_rail