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London Underground services to Heathrow	

Passenger Services Sub-Committee

1. The Committee periodically receives an update to what is happening with London Underground services to Heathrow Airport and Mike Bull, who is responsible for all of the Heathrow Area stations (and more) will be attending the Sub-Committee meeting on 25 July to talk about what is happening, particularly with the opening of the extension to T5 early in 2008.
2. The following information is intended to assist members in discussion with Mr Bull.
2. As members will be aware, under the terms of the contract for the public private partnership which the previous Government entered into with contractors, they are responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the Underground and for the replacement of the rolling stock which operated by London Underground.
3. The Piccadilly Line is the responsibility of Tube Lines and in earlier discussions with them, the Committee urged the improvement of the systems for train information to passengers which was the same as when the extension to T4 opened several decades ago. The last information received was that this would have to await the re-signalling of the line from Hounslow to Heathrow, not expected before 2009.
4. Tube Lines announced at the end of 2006 that it was working to meet its commitment to replace the rolling stock fleet by 2014 to replace the existing trains which have been in service since 1972. In addition, the whole of the Piccadilly Line is to be re-signalled by that date and it's capacity increased by 20%.
5. The first stage of the procurement process was to invite expressions of interest from manufacturers which will lead to a selection decision and a contract award is anticipated at the end of 2008.
6. The Committee has been pressing BAA for a number of years to know when the refurbishment and modernisation of the Central Terminal Area station would take place, with particular emphasis on a more suitable lift for disabled persons, and was told that this would be related to the works for the extension of the Underground to T5. At the HACCC meeting on May 23 2007, the Managing Director of Heathrow confirmed that BAA has committed £18 million towards the cost of modernising the Central Area station .