



# London Calling

The Newsletter of the London transport Regional Council

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News & Views from RMT's London Transport Regional Council March 2014

## Johnson steps up the ante - Piccadilly line “driver free” By 2016



The provocative, belligerent statements from LU and the mayor recently are the clearest indication to all staff that despite hollow promises from Mike Brown, we are all in scope for changes to our job description, roles and responsibilities.

And pay and pensions

From Engineering right through to cleaning grades we are all being lined up for attacks on our terms and conditions.

We have seen the leaked document from 3 years ago that LUL denied had any credence. It reads almost word for word what they are proposing on stations and engineering.

And now drivers are directly under threat

The time for rhetoric and duplicitous consultation has passed

We need action. Strong, industrial action from all grades, from all unions

Never before has it mattered so much. It's not which Union you are in, it's whose side you are on.

ASLEF have already declared they are to enter into dispute with LUL alongside the RMT on the issue of cab-less trains

We already have joint action with TSSA on the station job cuts and at TfL over pensions

Unite must now declare their solidarity with all the other unions

All unions, all grades, all workers, including agency staff, must unite on these disputes

### **DON'T WAIT FOR CAB-LESS TRAINS TO BE BUILT**

Drivers, it will be too late if we wait for the cab-less trains to be designed, ordered, and paid for. Too late if we wait until they are being built in the workshops. Too late if we wait until the first prototype rolls up at your depot. The time for action is now. Alongside your station staff comrades

Alongside Engineers and Fleet. Alongside our brothers and sisters on TfL

A driver in every cab, on every train

Where they should be

At the front



**Eamonn Lynch LTRC secretary**



## NEW FIGURES SHOW INCREASE IN TUBE TICKET OFFICE TRANSACTIONS

New figures obtained by the Labour Group on the GLA and released today show a net increase in total transactions at tube ticket offices from 7.418 million in 2012 to 7.577 million in 2013 – making a nonsense of claims that the booking offices are in decline and some sort of relic from the past.

The latest figures come hot on the tail of other research which has exposed the fact that David Cameron's claim in Parliament that "only 3% of transactions now involve ticket offices" is totally misleading and disingenuous

Independent research by fullfact.org shows that the truth is that one in five journeys, 20%, originate at a ticket office



"As the detailed discussions on ticket offices and staffing station-by-station are underway more facts that expose the truth about ticket office usage are emerging which will fuel RMT's case against the closures and against the job losses.

"The news that total transactions at ticket offices are on the rise knocks into a cocked hat the argument that the booking offices, and the staff who operate them, are some kind of relic from the Past.

"Tube bosses and the Mayor must take note of the new and growing evidence that they have called this one wrong and that the case for cuts and closures is being systematically demolished before their eyes."

Bob Crow RMT General Secretary

### Dates for your diary:

LTRC EC mtg March 11 1600 @ Unity House Rm 1

Strike liaison mtgs every Tuesday 1600 @ Unity House

Stations recruitment - Embankment 1030 27/03/14

Contact Becky Crocker for details

Station grades - 27/3/14-1430 Exmouth Arms, Euston

Train grades - 27/3/14 - 1430 Unity House

LTRC - March 27 1630-1830 Exmouth Arms, Euston

## BREAKDOWN IN INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS NORTHFIELDS DEPOT – VOTE YES FOR ACTION

Tube Lines management at Northfields depot are abusing the agreed Sickness Agreements and Attendance Procedures, including withholding sick pay. In addition management are also denying members the right to access the grievance procedure and the right to representation, as well as making deductions from pay. The RMT have written to the company demanding that they immediately address this total Breakdown in Industrial Relations at Northfields Depot.

Having considered the situation your General Grades Committee has decided to ballot our Tube Lines members at Northfields Depot for strike action and industrial action short of a strike. Ballot papers will be dispatched to member's home addresses on Thursday 7th March 2014 and the ballot will close on Thursday 27th March 2014.

## RMT TO BALLOT CLEANER MEMBERS OVER FINGERPRINTING



The RMT are in dispute with ISS over their planned introduction of Fingerprinting technology to book on for duty. We see this technology as an invasion of your civil liberties and a threat to your jobs. It now appears that management are planning to impose this new Biometric fingerprinting process from early March 2014 so your union's executive has considered this matter further and decided to call a ballot of all members for strike action. Preparations are under way to hold this ballot in the near future.



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