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Christmas and New Year rail closures

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1. To provide background on this year's Christmas and New Year's rail closures for engineering works.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1. That members note the report.

3 Background

- 3.1. Fewer passengers travel over Christmas and the New Year than other periods and so the period is an opportunity for Network Rail and London Underground to undertake substantial engineering works. That said many people rely on these services over this period and many passengers will be affected.
- 3.2. Both TfL and the rail industry plan ahead for these works and put a substantial effort into informing potential customers and providing alternative travelling arrangements. There is coordination of these arrangements and associated messaging to passengers, via the cross industry 'Travel Demand Board' that London TravelWatch is a member of.
- 3.3. Appended are summaries of the National Rail and LUL closures

4 Equalities and inclusion implications

- 4.1. The closure of public transport services will affect everyone, however those with a disability and without access to private transport will be particularly affected.

5 Legal powers

- 5.1. Section 248 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 requires London TravelWatch (as the London Transport Users Committee) to consider, and where it appears to it to be desirable, to make recommendations with respect to any service or facility provided by or for (or in the case of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, licensed by) Transport for London, other than a matter relating to the transportation of freight, if it has been the subject of representations made by or on behalf of users of that service or facility.

- 5.2. Section 252A of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 places a duty upon London TravelWatch (as the London Transport Users Committee) to keep under review matters affecting the interests of the public in relation to railway passenger and station services provided wholly or partly within the London railway area, and to make representations about them to such persons as it thinks appropriate.

6 Financial implications

- 6.1. No implications of this nature arise directly from this report.