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SRA Deputy Chair Named

The Secretary of State for Transport has, on the recommendation of SRA Chairman Richard Bowker, today appointed David Quarmby as Deputy Chair of the Strategic Rail Authority. He will be working with Richard Bowker and his top team to develop and implement policies designed to create a railway fit for the 21st century. He takes up the post today.

Mr Quarmby has served on the SRA board and its predecessor bodies continuously since 1999. He is also Chairman of the British Tourist Authority and sits on the board of Transport for London (TfL).

Welcoming the announcement, Richard Bowker said:

" I am delighted to announce this important change to the SRA board. David has extensive knowledge of the rail industry and a proven track record as a non-executive on the board. I would like to put on record my appreciation for his valuable contribution since I assumed the Chairman's role six months ago.

" The appointment of a Deputy will add further strength to what is already a highly professional and dedicated team, who all share a common aim of achieving excellence for the railways through well founded policies and structured decision making ".

Notes to Editors

1. Biographical Details

David Quarmby was appointed as a member of the British Railways Board/shadow Strategic Rail Authority in July 1999. He was re-appointed as a member of the SRA in December 2001.

Mr Quarmby, 60, is also Chairman of the British Tourist Authority, and a member of Transport for London (TfL). He was Chairman of the Docklands Light Railway from 1999 until its full assimilation into Transport for London in June 2001. From 1996 to 1999 he was also Chairman of the English Tourist Board. He was a Director of the New Millennium Experience Co from 1997 to 2001.

David was a Main Board Director of Sainsbury's, from 1984 to 1996. He joined as Distribution Director, and for the last eight years was Joint Managing Director.

From 1970 to 1984 he held a number of appointments in London Transport, including nine years as a Board Member, six of them as Managing Director of

London Buses. From 1966 to 1970 he was an Economic Adviser at the Ministry of Transport, and prior to that a lecturer at Leeds University. He has a Postgraduate Diploma and a PhD from Leeds University, an MA from Kings College, Cambridge, and a Hon DSc from Huddersfield University.

He was President of the Institute of Logistics from 1996 to 1999.

2. Terms Of Appointment

This appointment is made in accordance with section 203(1) of the Transport Act 2000.

Mr Quarmby's appointment as Deputy Chair will be until the expiry of his appointment as a Member of the Authority on 30 November 2004. Mr Quarmby will receive remuneration of £18,919 per annum and devote an average of four days per month to the Authority.

Mr Quarmby has not carried out any political activities in the last five years.

3. Strategic Rail Authority

The Strategic Rail Authority is a non-departmental public body, established under the Transport Act 2000. Ministerial responsibility rests with the Secretary of State for Transport. The SRA is responsible for:

- promoting the use of the railway network for the carriage of passengers and goods;
- securing the development of the railway network; and
- contributing to the development of an integrated system of transport for passengers and goods.

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