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NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE CAPITAL

Midnight on New Year's Eve with a fireworks display at the British Airways London Eye, organised by the Mayor of London in conjunction with Visit London.

Ken Livingstone said: "London is one of the best cities in the world to visit during the Christmas period and the New Year's Eve fireworks display is world famous. It is one of the hundreds of attractions taking place in the capital during the Christmas and New Year period, which make the London the most exciting city in the world."



'OUT WITH THE TOUT' SAYS LONDON ASSEMBLY

Every night thousands of people spill out onto the streets after enjoying the best of the capital's nightlife. How many will then unknowingly get into minicabs that are operating illegally? That is the question being asked by the London Assembly, who launched an inquiry in to cab enforcement on 29th November 2007.

Led by Peter Hulme Cross AM - on behalf of the Assembly's Transport Committee - the investigation will measure how effective Transport for London (TfL) and the Metropolitan Police Service have been in reducing the level of touting by licensed minicabs. Peter Hulme Cross said: "Many people do not know they are taking a big risk when they flag down a licensed minicab. If the cab is not pre-booked, it is not insured to carry passengers, and it is much more difficult to detect offenders if a crime is committed. Campaigns such as Safer Travel at Night have raised public awareness of the dangers of using unlicensed minicabs, and it

is encouraging that there have already been over 4000 arrests for illegal touting since 2002.

"However, we need a clearer picture of how effective awareness campaigns and enforcement have been over the past four years, and what can be done to make minicab journeys even safer in the future."

As well as the significant number of arrests for touting, the number of sexual assaults in minicabs has fallen significantly in recent years - to an average of three each month. Information will be gathered from the Transport Operational Command Unit (TOCU), TfL's Transport Policing and Enforcement Directive (TPED), the Public Carriage Office, private hire representative organisations and venues in areas known as 'touting hotspots'. The report is due for publication in February 2008.



RE-ORGANISATION AT RADIO TAXIS GROUP

Andrew Herbert has stepped down from the Board and as Managing Director at Radio Taxis Group. Chairman Geoffrey Riesel said: "We wish to thank Andrew for his hard work in getting us to this phase in our development and we wish him every success in his future assignments. I am pleased that Andrew will assist in the handover over the coming period and as required."

Some other members of the team at RTG have now moved on to pastures new as part of the Group's re-organisation plans for the future growth of the Group. Some have been re-assigned to changed tasks. The executive board team will now see Geoffrey Riesel, currently Chairman, return to his former role as Chairman & CEO. He will be responsible for the day to day running of the organisation. Alan Franks will take on a new, enhanced and key role of Group



Operations Director, responsible for further improving streamlining and developing all of RTG's call centre operational processes, while former Director Peter Gibson has been co-opted to the Board and is returning to

take up the role of Chief Operating Officer. Peter joined Radio Taxis in 1981 and was first appointed to the Board in 1993. He was part of the team who took Radio Taxis through the demutualisation process in 2004. He then stepped down from the Board and took

up a position as Head of Special Projects. He has now been co-opted back to the Board as part of the current reorganisation. Other changes will include a brand new post of Driver Development Officer, which is likely to be situated at RTG's headquarters at Mountview House. "The next few years will be very exciting for the transport industry and this re-organisation will enable us to fully realise the huge potential that the market has to offer," continued Geoffrey Riesel. "Our pioneering approach to the changing needs of the market has enabled us to continue our position as market leaders. This in-house re-organisation is designed to simplify our internal reporting structure, to focus our attention on our core skills and most importantly to bring our 3000 strong driver community much closer to us in order to enhance the decision making process."

VITAL ENGINEERING PROJECT AT LIVERPOOL STREET STATION

In order to replace a bridge near the station, Liverpool Street station will be closed from 23 December 2007, reopening at 4am on 2 January 2008. However, Liverpool Street Underground station will remain open during the 10-day period.

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