

New appointments strengthen LRSSB Board

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Two senior figures from the light rail sector have been appointed to the board of the organisation responsible for strengthening safety standards across the UK's tram and metro systems.

As non-executive directors representing operators, Clive Pennington and Colin Kerr bring a wealth of experience to the Light Rail Safety and Standards Board (LRSSB).

A cross-discipline engineer with over 40 years' experience, Colin Kerr has worked in the light rail sector for nearly two decades and currently leads the Edinburgh Trams safety & projects team. Responsible for all aspects of the Safety & Standards and Environment management, he is also the lead Operational Interface for infrastructure projects. Colin is also leading on a number of innovation projects for green energy EV charging and operation of safety critical equipment.

Prior to joining Edinburgh Trams, Colin worked on several London Underground projects for Thales and has particular expertise in systems safety and electromagnetic compatibility.

The Technical Director for Light Rail at Amey, Clive Pennington is a Chartered Electrical Engineer and has worked in the light rail sector for almost 20 years. Whilst working for Amey he plays a key role in supporting their Light Rail operations and a range of projects on major networks in the UK and overseas.

He has previously held senior positions as head of Engineering at Manchester Metrolink, and Nottingham Trams and as Principal Light Rail Engineer at Mott MacDonald.

Both Colin and Clive were elected to the LRSSB board at a recent meeting, and the organisation's Chief Executive, Carl Williams, said the appointments mark another significant step forward for the organisation.

"Light rail is already one of the safest modes of transport, but to continue building on the excellent work that's already been done to drive up standards, we need to have broad representation from the sector at the highest levels of our organisation.

"Both Colin and Clive have a proven track record of delivering complex tramway projects and have demonstrated a commitment to safety over many years.

"Their appointments will further strengthen the LRSSB team, providing additional experience and expert oversight as we embark on a wide range of projects to enhance light rail safety and set new standards across the sector."

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