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Title: Hammersmith Bridge

Executive Summary

The Transport Committee meeting on 8 October 2020 was used for a question and answer session with the Commissioner for Transport for London. At the meeting, the Committee resolved:

That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, to agree any output from the meeting.

Following the meeting, the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Leaders, agreed a letter to the Secretary of State for Transport requesting confirmation on funding arrangements for Hammersmith Bridge, as attached at Appendix 1.

Decision

That the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, agree a letter to the Secretary of State for Transport, The Rt. Hon Grant Shapps MP on funding for the repair and restoration of Hammersmith Bridge, as attached at Appendix 1.

Assembly Member

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in the proposed decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

Signature

Date

20 October 2020



Printed Name Dr Alison Moore AM (Chair, Transport Committee)

Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Notes:

1. The Lead Officer should prepare this form for signature by relevant Members of the Assembly to record any instance where the Member proposes to take action under a specific delegated authority. The purpose of the form is to record the advice received from officers, and the decision made.
2. **The 'background' section (below) should be used to include an indication as to whether the information contained in / referred to in this Form should be considered as exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). If so, the specimen Annexe (attached below) should be used. If this form does deal with exempt information, you must submit both parts of this form for approval together.**

Background and proposed next steps:

The Transport Committee meeting on 8 October 2020 was used for a question and answer session with the Commissioner for Transport for London. At the meeting, the Committee resolved:

That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, to agree any output from the meeting.

During the meeting, the Commissioner spoke to the issue of funding arrangements for the repair and restoration of Hammersmith Bridge.

Following the meeting, the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Leaders, agreed a letter to the Secretary of State for Transport requesting confirmation on funding arrangements for Hammersmith Bridge, as attached at Appendix 1.

The letter will be reported back to the next suitable meeting of the Transport Committee, currently scheduled for 1 December 2020.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision

Signed by Committee Services



Date 19 October 2020

Print Name:

Laura Pelling

Tel: X. 5526

Financial implications NOT REQUIRED

NOTE: Finance comments and signature are required only where there are financial implications arising or the potential for financial implications.

Signed by Finance

Date

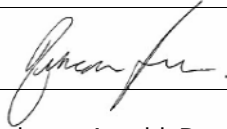
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Legal implications

The Transport Committee has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signed by Legal



Date 19 October 2020.....

Print Name

Rebecca Arnold, Deputy Monitoring Officer Tel: X 4421

Supporting detail/List of Consultees: Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Deputy Chair), Keith Prince AM, David Kurten AM, Caroline Russell AM

Public Access to Information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the FoIA, or the EIR and will be made available on the GLA Website, usually within one working day of approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision (for example, to complete a procurement process), it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary. **Note:** this form (Part 1) will either be published within one working day after it has been approved or on the defer date.

Part 1 – Deferral

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? No

Until what date: (a date is required if deferring)

Part 2 – Sensitive information

Only the facts or advice that would be exempt from disclosure under FoIA or EIR should be included in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form - No

Lead Officer/Author

Signed

...L Rigg.....

Date 19 October 2020

Print Name

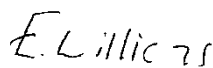
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Job Title

Policy Adviser

Countersigned by Executive Director



Date 19 October 2020

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Dr Alison Moore AM
Chair of the Transport Committee

Appendix 1

The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP

Secretary of State for Transport

Department for Transport

Great Minster House

33 Horseferry Road

London

SW1P 4DR

(Sent by email)

20 October 2020

Funding for the repair and restoration of Hammersmith Bridge

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to you as Chair of the London Assembly Transport Committee regarding the funding for the repair and restoration of Hammersmith Bridge.

As you know, on 13 August, Hammersmith Bridge was closed to all members of the public, including pedestrians and cyclists. The decision followed technical advice to the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham that there was further damage to the north-eastern pedestal of the bridge.

The bridge plays a vital role in connecting the north and south of London, and supporting the local economies of neighbouring boroughs. While we wait for a solution, schoolchildren,

commuters and hospital patients are forced to undertake extremely long journeys to find an alternative route, instead of where they usually would have used the bridge.

The Committee notes that, in the interim, the Hammersmith Bridge Taskforce is developing options for a temporary ferry solution. Recently, the Taskforce has stated publicly it is committed to implementing this “by early 2021 at the latest”.

On 8 October, the Transport Committee held a meeting with the newly appointed Commissioner for Transport for London, Andy Byford. During the meeting, the Commissioner informed the Committee that, in September, TfL had presented detailed options to your department regarding the likely cost of the repairs – between £143 and £161 million. The Commissioner also informed the Committee that, to date, the Government has not confirmed it will fully fund the repairs.

However, in a recent public broadcast with AM Bailey, it was indicated that your department would fully fund the cost of the repair of the bridge and that funding for a temporary solution would be provided. The Committee welcomes this development but would urge for an official announcement at the earliest opportunity.

Therefore, I would be grateful if you could confirm that your department will fully fund the project, including the repair of the bridge, a temporary river crossing solution and the timescale for doing so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Moore". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr Alison Moore AM
Chair of the Transport Committee