

MINUTES

Meeting: Transport Committee

Date: Wednesday 14 January 2015

Time: 10.00 am

Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Chair)
Valerie Shawcross CBE AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour AM
Victoria Borwick AM
Tom Copley AM
Darren Johnson AM
Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Navin Shah AM
Richard Tracey AM

1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 1)

- 1.1 An apology for absence was received from Steve O'Connell AM, for whom Tony Arbour AM attended as a substitute Member.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 2.2 Tom Copley AM declared that he had recently attended a lunch hosted by Gatwick Airport Ltd.

Resolved:

- (a) That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests; and**
- (b) That Tom Copley AM's additional declaration of hospitality also be noted.**

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held on 10 December 2014 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

4.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

4.2 Resolved:

That the outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted.

5 Crossrail (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat, as background to putting questions on the Crossrail project to the following invited guests from Crossrail Ltd:

- Terry Morgan CBE, Chairman; and
- Andrew Wolstenholme OBE, Chief Executive.

5.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.

5.3 Resolved:

That the report and discussion with invited guests from Crossrail Ltd be noted.

6 Crossrail 2 (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

6.2 The Chair drew the Committee's attention to the award of a CBE to Dr Michèle Dix and to Dave Ward, Route Managing Director, South East at Network Rail, in the 2014 New Year's

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Honours list. The Committee noted that the Chair had written to Dr Dix and Mr Ward to congratulate them on their well-deserved recognition for many years' dedication and commitment to improving transport in London.

- 6.3 The Committee was joined by the following guests for the discussion on Crossrail 2:
- Dr Michèle Dix CBE, Managing Director, Planning, Transport for London; and
 - Paul Harwood, Principal Network Planner, Network Rail.
- 6.4 The Chair asked Paul Harwood for an update on the situation at London Bridge station, resulting from works relating to the Thameslink Programme. A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 6.5 The Committee asked Network Rail to reflect on the impact of the disruption at London Bridge station on the passenger experience, and in particular to provide an easier route for transiting through the concourse, to assist vulnerable users.
- 6.6 During the course of the discussion on London Bridge station, the Chair welcomed visitors from the Imam Zakariya Academy in Newham.

6.7 A transcript of the discussion on Crossrail 2 is attached at **Appendix 3**.

6.8 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion on Crossrail 2 be noted.

7 Taxi and Private Hire Services in London (Item 7)

- 7.1 The Committee received a report from the Executive Director of Secretariat setting out its report, *Future proof – Taxi and Private Hire Services in London*.
- 7.2 The Chair passed on to officers, particularly the Assistant Scrutiny Manager, Lucy Brant, the Committee's thanks for the work that had gone into the report. The Deputy Chair commended the report as a strong piece of work with a clear vision for taxi and private hire services which will need to be followed through. The Chair suggested that the Committee use the question and answer session with the Commissioner for Transport at the Committee's meeting on 25 February 2015 to follow up the report.
- 7.3 The Chair announced that the Recommendation 2 of the report, as set out on the agenda should have read as follows:

“By May 2015, the Mayor and TfL should develop specific public awareness campaigns which show how to correctly identify whether a driver/vehicle is licensed. TfL should also work with the tourism industry to ensure that visitors arriving in London have access to this information.”

7.4 It was noted that officers would provide Members with a definitive final version of the report for dissemination.

7.5 **Resolved:**

That the report, *Future proof – Taxi and Private Hire Services in London*, as agreed by the Chair under delegated authority, in consultation with Party Group Lead Members, and subject to the amendment to Recommendation 2 set out in paragraph 7.3, be noted.

8 Transport Committee Work Programme (Item 8)

8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat setting out the work programme for 2014/15.

8.2 The Deputy Chair drew the Committee's attention to the inclusion in Transport for London's Business Plan of an additional 500 buses, which would go some way towards responding to the Committee's report, *Bus services in London*, which called for a long-term strategy for the development of the bus network to address rising demand.

8.3 **Resolved:**

(a) That the work programme for 2014/15, as set out in this report be noted;

(b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree:

(i) A letter to the Mayor on cycling in London, following up the Committee's meeting on 10 December 2014;

(ii) A response to Network Rail's consultations on the draft Wessex Route Study and Western Route Study;

(iii) The final report of the rapporteurship on TfL's customer services;

(iv) A letter to the Stagecoach Group regarding overcrowding on South West Trains services; and

(c) That the Committee note:

(i) The letter from the Mayor in response to the Committee's letter on the future of the Tube, as set out at Appendix 1;

(ii) The Committee's response to the Transport for London consultation on the proposed extension of the Bakerloo line, as set out at Appendix 2;

(iii) The letter from Sir Peter Hendy CBE updating the Committee on actions in response to its report on bus services, and attached feasibility report on measuring bus loading, as set out at Appendix 3.

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

- 9.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Wednesday 25 February 2015 at 10.00am in the Chamber, City Hall.

10 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 10)

- 10.1 There was no other business.

11 Close of Meeting

- 11.1 The meeting ended at 12.16pm.

Chair

Date

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