

MINUTES

Meeting: Transport Committee

Date: Wednesday 8 July 2015

Time: 10.00 am

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

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Present:

Valerie Shawcross CBE AM (Chair)
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour AM
Victoria Borwick AM MP
Tom Copley AM
Darren Johnson AM
Murad Qureshi AM
Dr Onkar Sahota 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 **Resolved:**

That the list of Assembly Members' appointments, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held on 9 June 2015 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 completed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted.

5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)

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

5.2 Resolved:

That the action taken by the Chair under delegated authority be noted, namely to agree:

- **A letter to the Commissioner of Transport on licensing of Uber London as a private hire operator, following up the discussion with the Commissioner on 25 February 2015; and**
- **A response to Transport for London consultations on the north-south and east-west cycle superhighways.**

6 National Rail Services in London (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on National Rail services in London to the following invited guests:

- Isabel Dedring, Deputy Mayor for Transport;
- Mike Brown, Managing Director of London Underground and London Rail, Transport for London (TfL); and
- Charles Belcher, Board Member, TfL.

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- 6.2 The Chair asked the Managing Director of London Underground and London Rail for an update on planned industrial action on the Tube. A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 6.3 A transcript of the main discussion on National Rail services in London is attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 6.4 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following further information in writing:
- Confirmation of when the document from the Mayor on the aspirational programme for rail in London would be published;
 - Details of the investment needed on the inner southeastern routes if the Mayor were to take them over;
 - An update on discussions with Department for Transport (DfT) about the decision to re-tender the South West franchise in 2017; and
 - An update on discussions with DfT and First Great Western on the future of the Greenford to West Ealing service.

6.5 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

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

- 7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on taxi and private hire services in London to the following invited guests:
- Isabel Dedring, Deputy Mayor for Transport;
 - Leon Daniels, Managing Director, Surface Transport, TfL; and
 - Garrett Emmerson, Chief Operating Officer, Surface Transport, TfL.
- 7.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix 3**.
- 7.3 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following further information in writing:
- An update on progress with each of the 19 recommendations in the Committee's report, *Future proof*;
 - Confirmation that a taxi and private hire strategy would be produced by the end of the year;

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- Further details of TfL's research on the mix of traffic in London, including when it would be completed and whether it could be shared with the Committee;
- Details of plans to record all complaints about Uber in a single place;
- Correspondence between TfL and Uber in relation to a fine of £10,000 for permitting a vehicle without insurance, and an explanation of what happens if there are further breaches;
- A response to the request that TfL consider an internal audit of the conduct of its regulatory function; and
- Details of measures to deal with taxi demand in Twickenham during the Rugby World Cup.

7.4 Summing up the discussion, the Chair expressed disappointment that commitments and promises by the Mayor and Commissioner of Transport, Sir Peter Hendy CBE, appeared not to have been followed up, and that the guests from TfL had been insufficiently prepared for the meeting to be able to answer some of the questions to the Committee's satisfaction.

7.5 The Chair expressed concern on behalf of the Committee about TfL's approach to its regulatory role in relation to private hire operators, in ensuring that all operators should be expected to fulfil both the spirit and letter of the regulations.

7.6 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

8 Transport for London Customer Service - Response to Report (Item 8)

8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat. The Chair welcomed the positive response from TfL to the Committee's report.

8.2 **Resolved:**

That the response to its report, *TfL customer service – Next steps*, be noted.

9 London TravelWatch Performance Monitoring Report (Item 9)

9.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat. The Chair thanked London TravelWatch for their work during 2014/15.

9.2 **Resolved:**

(a) That the performance against the agreed objectives of London TravelWatch during 2014/15 be noted; and

(b) That the financial outturn position of London TravelWatch as at 31 March 2015 be noted.

10 Transport Committee Work Programme (Item 10)

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

10.2 The Committee noted that Transport for London had issued a consultation on card payments in taxis, and agreed to delegate authority to the Chair to respond to the consultation.

10.3 **Resolved:**

(a) That the work programme for 2015/16 be noted; and

(b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to respond to the Transport for London consultation on card payments in taxis.

11 Date of Next Meeting (Item 11)

11.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Wednesday 9 September 2015 at 10.00am, in the Chamber, City Hall.

12 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 12)

12.1 There was no other business.

13 Close of Meeting

13.1 The meeting ended at 12.53pm.

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Chair

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