

MINUTES

**Meeting: Budget and Performance
Committee**

Date: Wednesday 15 October 2014

Time: 2.00 pm

**Place: Committee Room 4, City Hall, The
Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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Present:

John Biggs AM (Chairman)
Stephen Knight AM (Deputy Chair)
Gareth Bacon AM
Tom Copley AM
Darren Johnson AM
Joanne McCartney AM
Richard Tracey AM

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

- 1.1 An apology for absence was received from Valerie Shawcross CBE AM, for whom Tom Copley 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 As it had not at the time been included in the Authority's Register of Gifts and Hospitality, Tom Copley AM declared that he had attended by invitation the British Film Institute's Centrepiece Gala on 14 October 2014.

2.3 **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 at the British Film Institute's Centrepiece Gala also be noted.

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Budget and Performance Committee held on 11 September 2014 be signed by the Chairman 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 London Overground (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on London Overground to the following invited guests:

- Jon Fox, Director of Rail, Transport for London;
- Peter Austin, Managing Director, London Overground Rail Operations Ltd;
- Janet Cooke, Chief Executive, London TravelWatch; and
- Jonathan Roberts, Managing Director, Jonathan Roberts Consulting.

5.2 A presentation on London Overground given by Peter Austin is attached at **Appendix 1**.

5.3 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 2**.

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5.4 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following additional information in writing:

- A breakdown of London Overground income, showing which elements were linked to the Retail Prices Index;
- What incentives might work for rail operators and Network Rail to improve the line-side environment, particularly in relation to graffiti, refuse and litter;
- The percentage fare risk for Transport for London in the Crossrail concession; and
- The leasing costs for the £250 million of new rolling stock for the West Anglia Overground lines.

5.5 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

6 Budget and Performance Committee Work Programme (Item 6)

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

6.2 The Chairman informed the Committee that Transport for London had been slow in providing information for the Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee meeting taking place on 21 October, with the information submission arriving 12 days after the requested date. The Committee agreed that the Chairman should write to TfL to express dissatisfaction with the speed of response.

6.3 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the work programme for 2014/15 be noted;**
- (b) That Chairman should write to Transport for London to express the Committee's dissatisfaction about the response time in dealing with the Committee's request for information; and**
- (c) That the terms of reference and scope for the scrutiny of the Mayor's budget for 2015/16, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be agreed.**

7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)

7.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Thursday 20 November 2014 at 10.00am in Committee Room 5.

8 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 8)

8.1 There were no other items of business.

9 Close of Meeting

9.1 The meeting ended at 4.30pm.

Chairman

Date

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