

Subject: Taxi and Private Hire – Correspondence

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 9 June 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides information to the Transport Committee summarising correspondence received in relation to the Committee's investigation into taxi and private hire issues and the publication of its report, *Future Proof: Taxi and Private Hire services in London*.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the recent correspondence on taxi and private hire services.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee published the findings from its investigation into taxi and private hire investigation in December 2014. The report, *Future Proof*, made 19 recommendations for the Mayor and Transport for London (TfL) to consider. TfL responded on behalf of the Mayor in February 2015, setting out their response to the recommendations. The response was noted by the Committee at its meeting on 18 March 2015, along with a letter from the Executive Chairman of Hailo.
- 3.2 The Committee has subsequently engaged in correspondence with TfL on a number of outstanding issues, and discussed this topic further with the Commissioner of Transport, Sir Peter Hendy CBE, at its meeting on 25 February 2015.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The following correspondence has been sent and received by the Committee since its last meeting in relation to its report on taxi and private hire services, *Future Proof*:
- A letter from the Commissioner of Transport to the Chair dated 10 March 2015 providing the details of the legal advice as requested on 25 February 2015, attached at **Appendix 1**;
 - A letter from the Chair to the Mayor dated 12 March 2015 following up the initial response from TfL, attached at **Appendix 2**;

- A letter from the Chair to the Commissioner of Transport dated 8 April 2015 outlining the Committee’s continued concerns, in response to the Commissioner’s letter of 10 March 2015, attached at **Appendix 3**;
- A letter from the Commissioner of Transport to the Chair dated 14 April 2015 responding to the points raised in her letter of 12 March 2015, attached at **Appendix 4**;
- A letter from the Commissioner of Transport to the Chair dated 22 April 2015, clarifying statements made at the meeting on 25 February 2015, in relation to Hailo’s business practices, attached at **Appendix 5**;
- A letter from Uber London to the Chair dated 29 April 2015 setting out their position in relation to ongoing issues, attached at **Appendix 6**;
- A letter from the Commissioner of Transport to the Chair dated 30 April 2015 responding to the points raised in her letter of 8 April 2015, attached at **Appendix 7**; and
- A letter from the Executive Chairman of Hailo, Ron Zeghibe dated 13 May 2015, attached at **Appendix 8**, setting out their continued dispute regarding statements made by Sir Peter Hendy at the meeting on 25 February 2015 and enclosing a copy of letter, dated 1 April 2015, sent by legal representatives acting on behalf of Hailo to Leon Daniels, Managing Director, Surface Transport, TfL, regarding Hailo’s ongoing dispute with TfL.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1: letter from the Commissioner of Transport to the Chair dated 10 March 2015

Appendix 2: letter from the Chair to the Mayor dated 12 March 2015

Appendix 3: letter from the Chair to the Commissioner of Transport dated 8 April 2015

Appendix 4: letter from the Commissioner of Transport to the Chair dated 14 April 2015

Appendix 5: letter from the Commissioner of Transport to the Chair dated 22 April 2015

Appendix 6: letter from Uber London to the Chair dated 29 April 2015

Appendix 7: letter from the Commissioner of Transport to the Chair dated 30 April 2015

Appendix 8: letter from the Executive Chairman of Hailo dated 13 May 2015

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List of Background Papers: None	
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