

MINUTES

Meeting: Transport Committee
Date: Tuesday 9 June 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)
Victoria Borwick AM MP
Tom Copley AM
Darren Johnson AM
Joanne McCartney AM
Steve O'Connell 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 Murad Qureshi AM, for whom Joanne McCartney 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 tables at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Membership of the Committee (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the membership and chairing arrangements for the Transport Committee as agreed at the Annual Meeting of the London Assembly on 13 May 2015, be noted as follows:

**Valerie Shawcross CBE AM (Chair)
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Deputy Chair)
Victoria Borwick AM MP
Tom Copley AM
Darren Johnson AM
Steve O'Connell AM
Murad Qureshi AM
Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Richard Tracey AM**

4 Terms of Reference (Item 4)

4.1 Resolved:

That the following terms of reference for the Committee be noted:

- 1. To examine and report from time to time on:
 - the strategies, policies and actions of the Mayor, Transport for London, and the other Functional Bodies where appropriate; and
 - matters of importance to Greater London as they relate to transport in London.**
- 2. To examine and report to the Assembly from time to time on the Mayor's Transport Strategy, in particular its implementation and revision.**
- 3. To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity.**

4. To oversee the work of the London Transport Users' Committee (operating as London TravelWatch), to receive regular monitoring reports from that Committee and support its consultative programme. To negotiate with the Mayor for the annual budget for the London Transport Users' Committee and to recommend to the Assembly, through the Business Management and Administration Committee, an annual budget for the London Transport Users' Committee.
5. To discharge the responsibilities and functions of the Assembly in respect of the London Transport Users' Committee under the GLA Act 1999, in particular sections 247 – 252 and Schedules 18 and 19.
6. To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference.

5 Standing Delegations of Authority (Item 5)

5.1 Resolved:

That the following standing delegations be noted:

On 16 September 2004, the Transport Committee resolved:

That the Committee delegate a general authority to the Chair, following consultation with the lead Members of the party groups on the Committee, to respond on its behalf where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a Committee meeting.

On 21 July 2005, the Transport Committee resolved:

To delegate the Chair of the Transport Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to take action in accordance with the functions of the Assembly listed in respect of the London Transport Users Committee under the GLA Act 1999.

On 9 June 2005, the Transport Committee resolved:

*Future requests by LTUC office holders to take on directorships/offices in other organisations be delegated to the Chair of the Transport Committee in consultation with the Party Spokespeople on the Transport Committee and following advice from the Executive Director of Secretariat.
[It is a requirement of the Terms and Conditions of Membership of LTUC that the appointee will "seek the London Assembly's approval if he/she wishes to assume any further directorships or offices at any time during the period of their appointment"]*

On 14 July 2011, the Transport Committee resolved:

That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, to approve the issue of directions or appropriate guidance to the Chief Executive of London TravelWatch.

6 Minutes (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Transport Committee held on 18 March and 27 March 2015 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7 Summary List of Actions (Item 7)

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

7.2 Resolved:

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

8 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 8)

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

8.2 Resolved:

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

- **Agree the scope and terms of reference for an investigation into rail services in London;**
- **Agree follow-up correspondence on the impact of London Bridge station redevelopment; and**
- **Write to Transport for London about District line services to Kensington (Olympia).**

9 National Rail Services in London (Item 9)

9.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions to the following invited guests:

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- Paul Harwood, Strategy and Planning Director (South), Network Rail;
- Phil Hufton, Managing Director of Network Operations, Network Rail;
- Tim Shoveller, Managing Director, South West Trains-Network Rail Alliance;
- David Statham, Managing Director, Southeastern Railway; and
- Stephen Locke, Chair, London TravelWatch.

9.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix 1**.

9.3 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following further information in writing:

- An assurance from Network Rail about plans for dealing with passengers in the event of disruption in hot weather, particularly at London Bridge station; and
- Details of South West Trains' and Southeastern's most crowded services.

9.4 The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11.32am to allow time for the second panel of guests to take their places. The meeting reconvened at 11.37am.

9.5 The Committee put questions to the following invited guests:

- Geoff Hobbs, Head of Transport Planning, TfL Rail & Underground;
- Michael Roberts, Director General of the Rail Delivery Group and Chief Executive of the Association of Train Operating Companies;
- Cllr Mike Goodman, Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, Surrey County Council;
- Paul Millin, Travel and Transport Group Manager, Surrey County Council;
- Cllr Matthew Balfour, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, Kent County Council; and
- Stephen Gasche, Principal Rail Transport Planner, Kent County Council.

9.6 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix 2**.

9.7 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the scope and terms of reference of the investigation into National Rail services in London be noted;**
- (b) That site visits to London Bridge station and on the new lines added to the London Overground network from the Greater Anglia franchise be arranged;**

- (c) That the report and the discussion be noted;
- (d) That the GLA Oversight Committee be recommended to authorise expenditure of up to £5,000 to commission an external contractor to carry out the external technical advice and support, namely to conduct a survey of London residents on attitudes to National Rail services; and
- (e) That it be noted that the Executive Director of Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair, will commission the external contractor to carry out the external technical advice and support, subject to the GLA Oversight Committee approving the recommendation.

10 Taxi and Private Hire - Correspondence (Item 10)

- 10.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 10.2 The Chair reported that the next meeting would include a discussion with Leon Daniels, Managing Director, Surface Transport, TfL and Garrett Emmerson Chief Operating Officer, Surface Transport, TfL on outstanding issues arising from the Committee's report on taxi and private hire services in London.
- 10.3 **Resolved:**

That the recent correspondence on taxi and private hire services, as set out in the report, be noted.

11 Door-to-Door Transport Services - Response from Transport for London (Item 11)

- 11.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 11.2 **Resolved:**

That the response from Transport for London to the Committee's report, *Improving door-to door transport in London: Next steps* be noted.

12 Transport Committee Work Programme (Item 12)

- 12.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 12.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the Committee's work programme for 2015/16 be agreed;
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the scope and terms of reference for an investigation into commercial traffic in London; and
- (c) That the update from the Mayor on the River Action Plan be noted.

13 Date of Next Meeting (Item 13)

13.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Wednesday 8 July 2015 at 10.00am, in Committee Room 5.

14 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 14)

14.1 The Chair reported that the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee had been nominated by the London Cycling Campaign in the category of Cycling Champion of the Year in their London Cycling Awards 2015.

15 Close of Meeting

15.1 The meeting ended at 12.39pm.

Chair

Date

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