

Subject: National Rail Services in London

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 8 July 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides background information to the Transport Committee in relation to its meeting with invited guests on National Rail services.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report, puts questions on National Rail services in London to the invited guests and notes the discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee has agreed the following terms of reference for an investigation into National Rail services in London, which were noted at the Committee's meeting on 9 June 2015.
- To consider major problems facing the rail network in London and how these could be addressed.
 - To examine the case for devolving more National Rail services to the Mayor and Transport for London, and different models of devolution that may be used.
 - To identify steps the Mayor and Transport for London could take to help achieve further devolution of National Rail services.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 9 June 2015, the Committee discussed this topic with a number of stakeholders: Transport for London, Network Rail, South West Trains, Southeastern and London TravelWatch, Rail Delivery Group, Kent County Council and Surrey County Council. The transcript of the discussion at that meeting appears elsewhere on this agenda.
- 3.3 On 26 June 2015, Party Group Leads held informal meetings with a range of experts and stakeholders on rail devolution, and representatives of rail passengers in Sevenoaks, Kent. Findings from these meetings will be shared with Committee Members.

4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 The following guests have been invited to attend this meeting to discuss National Rail services in London:

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

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:

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None
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