

Subject: Taxi and Private Hire 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 taxi and private hire services.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report, puts questions on taxi and private hire services in London to the invited guests and notes the discussion.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee agrees the note of a site visit to Heathrow Airport to explore taxi and private hire issues.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee conducted an investigation into London's taxi and private hire services in 2014/15. Its report, *Future Proof*, was published in December 2014. A number of responses to the report have been received, including from the Mayor and Transport for London and representatives of the taxi and private hire industries.¹
- 3.2 Sir Peter Hendy CBE, Transport for London Commissioner, attended the Committee's meeting in February 2015 to discuss the recommendations of the report.²
- 3.3 For 2015/16 the Committee has prioritised further follow-up work on the recommendations of the *Future Proof* report. As part of this, on 25 June 2015 the Chair undertook a visit to London Heathrow Airport on the invitation of licensed taxi drivers to observe activities of private hire vehicles at and around the airport. Findings from this visit will be shared with the Committee.

¹ The report and responses are available at <https://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/publications/future-proof-taxi-and-private-hire-services-in-london>

² The minutes of this meeting and transcript of the discussion are available at <https://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=173&Mid=5437&Ver=4>

- 3.4 On 25 June 2015, the Chair, Valerie Shawcross CBE AM, visited Heathrow Airport to look into taxi and private hire issues around the airport, including illegal parking and use of drop-off points, signage, uninsured drivers and enforcement.

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;
- **Leon Daniels**, Managing Director, Surface Transport, TfL; and
- **Garrett Emmerson**, Chief Operating Officer, Surface Transport, TfL.

- 4.2 The note of the site visit to Heathrow Airport is attached at **Appendix 1** for formal agreement.

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: Note of site visit to Heathrow Airport, 25 June 2015

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List of Background Papers: None
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