

Subject: Transport for London Board Governance

Report to: GLA Oversight Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 9 July 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides information to the Committee as background to putting questions to invited guests on Transport for London (TfL) Board governance arrangements.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report and discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Chair of the Assembly's Transport Committee wrote to the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee proposing that the GLA Oversight Committee undertakes a review on behalf of the Assembly on TfL's corporate governance arrangements with a view to assessing whether they are fit for purpose. The letter is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 In March 2015, the GLA Oversight Committee responded on behalf of the Assembly to TfL's consultation on transparency, which TfL is using to inform the development of a Transparency Strategy. The response highlighted the Assembly's concern with how conflict of interest had been dealt with at the TfL Board meeting in February 2015, when an investment proposal for Cycle Superhighway Schemes was discussed. The Assembly's response is attached as **Appendix 2**.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 At this meeting, the Committee will put questions to:
- Isabel Dedring – Deputy Chair, TfL;
 - Howard Carter - General Counsel, TfL; and

- Graeme Craig - Director of Commercial Development, TfL.

4.2 It is proposed that the discussion in particular focusses on the following specific areas:

- the composition and membership of TfL's Board;
- how TfL deals with conflicts of interest; and
- the governance arrangements in relation to TfL's growing role in commercial development.

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 financial implications arising directly from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 - Letter from the Chair of the Transport Committee

Appendix 2 - The Assembly's response to TfL's consultation on transparency

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