

MINUTES

Meeting: Transport Committee

Date: Tuesday 23 January 2024

Time: 10.00 am

**Place: Chamber, City Hall,
Kamal Chunchie Way, London, E16 1ZE**

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Present:

Keith Prince AM (Chairman)

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Deputy Chair)

Lord Bailey of Paddington AM

Elly Baker AM

Siân Berry AM

Andrew Boff AM

Unmesh Desai AM

Neil Garratt AM

Joanne McCartney AM

Sem Moema AM

1 Apologies for Absence and Chairman's Announcements (Item 1)

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Nick Rogers AM, for whom Lord Bailey of Paddington AM attended as substitute.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

2.2 Resolved:

That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held on 30 November 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

4.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

4.2 Resolved:

That the completed and ongoing actions arising from previous meetings of the Transport Committee, and additional correspondence received, be noted.

5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

5.2 Resolved:

That the action taken by the Chairman of the Committee under delegated authority, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, namely to agree a letter to the Mayor of London on river services, be noted.

6 Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat as background to putting questions on the taxi and private hire vehicles (PHV) to the following invited guests:

- Helen Chapman, Director of Licensing and Regulation, Transport for London (TfL);
- Christina Calderato, Director of Transport Strategy and Policy, TfL;
- Steve McNamara, General Secretary, Licensed Taxi Drivers Association (LTDA);
- Mariusz Zabrocki, General Manager, Free Now;
- Steve Wright MBE, Chair, Licensed Private Hire Car Association; and
- Asher Moses, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Sherbet – The Electric Taxi Company.

6.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.

6.3 The meeting adjourned at 11.40am and reconvened at 11.50am.

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6.4 During the course of the discussion the Director of Licensing and Regulation, TfL, agreed to provide the following:

- TfL's policy paper on cross border licensing and hiring issues;
- Confirmation that issues around spare parts and repairs to London Electric Vehicle Company (LEVC) cabs would be raised in TfL's next discussion with LEVC;
- Detail on the internal organisation of the licensing function within TfL, who they report to, who holds them to account, and what legislation governs them;
- A written response to points raised by the General Secretary, LTDA, on letters sent to LTDA members on their fitness to be licensed following issues with 20 mile-per-hour speed limits; and
- Copies of sample warning letters sent to taxi drivers by TfL.

6.5 During the course of the discussion, the General Secretary, LTDA, agreed to provide a copy of the letter from TfL sent to a LTDA member, which was referenced at the meeting, regarding the driver's fitness to be licensed.

6.6 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and discussion be noted.**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the meeting.**

7 Transport Committee Work Programme (Item 7)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the Committee's work programme be noted.**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, to agree the extension of the appointment of two members of the London TravelWatch Board.**

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

8.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 20 February 2024 at 10.00am, in the Chamber, City Hall.

9 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 9)

9.1 There was no other business the Chairman considered to be urgent.

10 Close of Meeting

10.1 The meeting ended at 1.08pm.

Chairman

Date

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