

MINUTES

Meeting: Transport Committee
Date: Thursday 2 March 2017
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Chair)
Keith Prince AM (Deputy Chairman)
Tom Copley AM
Florence Eshalomi AM
David Kurten AM
Joanne McCartney AM
Steve O'Connell AM
Caroline Russell AM
Navin Shah AM

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

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Kemi Badenoch, AM.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 **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 11 January 2017 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

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

4.2 Resolved:

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

5 Commissioner of Transport (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions to Mike Brown MVO, Commissioner of Transport on Transport for London (TfL)'s current and emerging priorities, and TfL's responses to recent Committee work.

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

5.3 During the course of the discussion, the Chair welcomed to the public gallery students from the University of Westminster; pupils and staff from: Deptford Park Primary School, Lewisham; and Fairlop Primary School, Redbridge.

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

- Details of the pilot scheme allowing taxi drivers access to tube station toilets including timescales and pilot locations;
- Details of when the 250 new compliance officers will be in post;
- Details of the anticipated timescale for TfL to increase the number of taxi ranks to 600;
- Details of the progress that has been made in opening up bus lanes to motorcycles; including details of the Boroughs where this is already in effect as well as any Boroughs where there are plans to trial bus lane access;
- Details of the actions TfL intends to take to expedite Mini Holland roadworks in the London Borough of Enfield;
- Details of the process and decision making in respect of satisfying funding conditions for

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Garden Bridge Trust payments;

- A breakdown of the number of night tube noise complaints for all lines;
- Details of the track grinding works in the Seven Sisters area including anticipated dates for completion;
- Details of TfL's action plan in response to the London TravelWatch recommendations in respect of London Underground staff at tube stations;
- Details of TfL's targets in relation to tube station staffing levels;
- Details of the number of London Underground staff before ticket office closures began;
- Details of the number of full-time London Underground staff after ticket office closures are completed; and
- Details of the number of full and part time staff anticipated to be working on the London Underground by December 2017.

5.5 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

6 London TravelWatch Performance Monitoring Report (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as a background to putting questions on London TravelWatch performance to the following invited guests:

- Stephen Locke, Chair of London TravelWatch; and
- Janet Cooke, Chief Executive Officer of London TravelWatch.

6.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 2**.

6.3 **Resolved:**

(a) That the financial outturn position of London TravelWatch as at 30 September 2016 be noted; and

(b) That the performance against the agreed objectives of London TravelWatch be noted.

7 Rail Passengers Redress Scheme (Item 7)

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on the proposed scheme to the following invited guests:

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- Stephen Locke, Chair of London TravelWatch; and
- Janet Cooke, Chief Executive Officer of London TravelWatch.

7.2 A transcript of the discussion on the Rail Passengers Redress Scheme is attached at **Appendix 3**.

7.3 **Resolved:**

- (a) That agreement in principle be granted to London TravelWatch to be involved in a proposed Rail Passengers Redress Scheme; subject to there being no negative impact on the current work of London TravelWatch and all additional costs being met in full by the rail industry; and**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair of the Transport Committee, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to provide formal consent to London TravelWatch to enter into an agreement for a Rail Passengers Redress Scheme subject to the final arrangements providing satisfactory safeguards to ensure that the current work, budget and responsibilities of London TravelWatch are not adversely impacted by the Redress Scheme and the resolution of any potential conflicts of interest for London TravelWatch staff in relation to the Redress Scheme.**

8 London TravelWatch Correspondence (Item 8)

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

That the correspondence with London TravelWatch regarding the organisation's office accommodation be noted.

9 London TravelWatch Board Chair Recruitment (Item 9)

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

9.2 The Committee thanked the current Chair of London TravelWatch, Stephen Locke, for his hard work and commitment to the role over the past five years.

9.3 **Resolved:**

That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, to agree any necessary decisions in relation to the

recruitment of the Chair of the London TravelWatch Board.

10 Transport Committee Work Programme (Item 10)

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

10.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the work programme for the remainder of the 2016/17 Assembly year, including the schedule of topics for forthcoming meetings, be noted; and**
- (b) That the letter from the Department for Transport on surface access to Heathrow Airport be noted.**

11 Date of Next Meeting (Item 11)

11.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, 19 April 2017 at 2.00pm in the Chamber, City Hall.

12 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 12)

12.1 There was no other business.

13 Close of Meeting

13.1 The meeting ended at 12.37pm.

Chair

Date

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