

# MINUTES

**Meeting:** Transport Committee  
**Date:** Tuesday 12 October 2010  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Place:** Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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**Present:**

Valerie Shawcross (Chair)  
Caroline Pidgeon (Deputy Chair)  
Victoria Borwick  
James Cleverly  
Jenny Jones  
Joanne McCartney  
Steve O'Connell  
Murad Qureshi  
Andrew Boff

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Richard Tracey AM, for whom Andrew Boff AM attended as a substitute.

**2. Declarations of Interests (Item 2)**

2.1 **Resolved:**

- (a) **That the relevant Members' declaration of memberships of Functional Bodies and London Borough Councils as set out in the table at Item 2 on the agenda, be noted as personal interests; and**
- (b) **That the gifts and hospitality received by Members, as set out on the Authority's**

**gifts and hospitality register be noted.**

### **3. Minutes (Item 3)**

3.1 The Committee received the minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held on 9 September 2010.

3.2 **Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held on 9 September 2010 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 detailing the outstanding and completed actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee.

4.2 **Resolved:**

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

### **5. Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)**

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat setting out recent action taken by the Chair of the Transport Committee under delegated authority.

5.2 **Resolved**

**That the recent action taken by the Chair of the Committee under delegated authority be noted.**

### **6. The Barclays Cycle Superhighways and Cycle Hire Scheme (Item 6)**

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions to invited guests about the Barclays Cycle Superhighways and Cycle Hire Scheme.

6.2 In attendance at the meeting were the following representatives of Transport for London (TfL), Serco, London Cycling Campaign and London Boroughs Cycling Officers Group:

- David Brown, Managing Director for Surface Transport, TfL;

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- Mick Hickford, Head of Special Projects, TfL;
- Penny Rees, Senior Programme Manager, Surface Transport, TfL;
- Jeroen Weimar, Managing Director of Serco Transport;
- Oliver Schick, Chair of Campaign Policy Committee, London Cycling Campaign; and
- Gina Harkell, Joint Chair, London Boroughs Cycling Officers Group.

6.3 A transcript of the discussion is attached as **Appendix A**.

6.4 During the course of the discussion, TfL agreed to provide the Committee with the following additional information:

- The amount of funding provided to boroughs for cycle training relating to the cycle hire scheme and the number of people who have so far participated in this training;
- What contribution the cycle hire scheme and superhighways are expected to make to the Mayor's target for 5 per cent of all journeys to be undertaken by bike by 2025 and what else is expected to contribute;
- Details of any action TfL has taken or will take to improve the telephone helpline so users of the cycle hire scheme who call whilst using the cycles get quicker responses; and
- A list of boroughs which TfL has been in contact with about possible expansion of the cycle hire scheme.

6.5 Additionally, Serco agreed to provide the Committee with the following information:

- The current average number of calls per days to the contact centre: the average call wait time; the average hold time for a response; and the average proportion of calls each day requiring call-backs because the issues cannot be resolved immediately; and
- The number of non-electric vehicles currently being used to help redistribute cycle hire bikes and the date by when these will cease to be used.

6.6 **Resolved:**

**That the report be noted.**

## **7. Follow-Up Work for Rapporteurship Report: Streets Ahead - Relieving congestion on Oxford Street, Regent Street and Bond Street (Item 7)**

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat. It was agreed that the rapporteur, Victoria Borwick AM, would write to TfL to ask for an updated response to the Committee's report recommendations and that TfL would be invited to attend the February 2011 meeting of the Committee in order to discuss the matter.

7.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) **That, subject to the comments recorded above, TfL's response to the report *Streets Ahead – Relieving congestion on Oxford Street, Regent Street and Bond Street* be noted; and**
- (b) **That authority be delegated to Victoria Borwick AM, in consultation with party Group Leads, to send a follow up letter to TfL on its response to the Committee's report.**

**8. Transport Committee Work Programme 2010/11 (Item 8)**

- 8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat. Following the discussion on Item 7 of this agenda, it was agreed that TfL be invited to the February 2011 meeting of the Committee in order to discuss its response to the rapporteur's report *Streets Ahead – Relieving congestion on Oxford Street, Regent Street and Bond Street*.
- 8.2 The Chair also asked Members to give consideration to future scrutiny investigation topics to be undertaken in the new year.

8.3 **Resolved:**

**That, subject to the inclusion of an item on the February 2011 agenda as recorded above, the report be noted.**

**9. Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)**

- 9.1 The next meeting of the Committee was to be held at 10.00am on 3 November 2010.

**10. Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 10)**

- 10.1 There were no items of urgent business.

**11. Close of Meeting**

- 11.1 The meeting ended at 12.17pm.

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Chair

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