

Subject: Action Taken Under Delegated Authority

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 3 November 2010

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out recent action taken by the Chair and a Member of the Committee under delegated authority.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the recent action taken by the Chair and a Member of the Committee under delegated authority.**

3. Background

- 3.1 Under Standing Orders and the Assembly's Scheme of Delegation, certain decisions by Members can be taken under delegated authority. This report details those actions.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 At its meeting of 12 October 2010, the Committee agreed to delegate authority to Committee Member Victoria Borwick AM in order that she could send a follow-up letter to Transport for London on behalf of the Committee and in relation to her rapporteur's report, *Streets Ahead – Relieving congestion on Oxford Street, Regent Street and Bond Street*. The letter, agreed in consultation with the Chair, Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, is attached as **Appendix 1**.

- 4.2 The Transport Committee, on 16 September 2004, resolved:

“That the Committee delegates a general authority to the Chair, following consultation with the lead Members of the party groups on the Committee, to respond on its behalf where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a Committee meeting”.

In order that the Transport Committee could provide a response to a Government consultation on reforming rail franchising, based on its previous relevant work on rail, before the consultation deadline on 18 October, the Chair wrote on behalf of the Committee to the Minister of State for

Transport on 15 October. This is attached as **Appendix 2**.

4.3 Also under standing delegation, as set out in Standing Order 9.2, the Chair of the Committee wrote to the Mayor seeking information about the recent incidents of disruption to the Tube. This follows up the Committee's previous work relating to the Tube, including the meeting in September when the Committee questioned TfL about the incident involving a 'runaway' engineering train. The letter is attached as **Appendix 3**.

4.4 At its meeting of 9 September 2010, the Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Chair of Transport Committee to agree jointly with the Chair of Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee (EDCST) and in consultation with party Group Leads from both the Transport Committee and the EDCST Committee, a letter to send to the Government about planned investment in Crossrail and Tube upgrades. The letter was issued on 14 September 2010 and reported to the Committee at its meeting of 12 October 2010. A response to the letter has now been received and is attached as **Appendix 4**.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in the report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no financial implications arising.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Letter from Victoria Borwick AM to TfL

Appendix 2 – Response to Government consultation on reforming rail franchising

Appendix 3 – Letter to the Mayor on Tube disruption

Appendix 4 – Response from Government on Crossrail

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: MDA form 386
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