

Subject: London TravelWatch Board Chair Recruitment

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 2 March 2017

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 The report sets out proposals in relation to the membership and recruitment of the Chair of the London TravelWatch Board.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and Party Group Lead Members, to agree any necessary decisions in regard to the recruitment of the Chair of the London TravelWatch Board.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Assembly's responsibility for discharging functions and responsibilities in respect of London TravelWatch has been delegated by the Assembly to the Transport Committee. This includes appointing the Chair of London TravelWatch (in consultation with the Department for Transport).
- 3.2 The current Chair, Stephen Locke's, term of office, is due to end on 30 September 2017.

4 Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The London TravelWatch Board currently consists of the following membership:
- Stephen Locke (Chair);
 - Jackie Ballard;
 - Alan Benson;
 - Abdi Osman;

- Richard Dilks;
- Glyn Kyle;
- John Stewart.

4.2 It is proposed that the recruitment process for a new Chair begins immediately as based on previous experience, this can be a lengthy process not only in terms of the recruitment process and ensuring a comprehensive handover period but also because, in accordance with the GLA Act 1999 (as amended) the appointment of the Chair is subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for Transport and this has in the past taken a long time to come through.

4.3 The following paper is attached for Members' consideration:

- The job description for the position of London TravelWatch Chair (**Appendix 1**); and

4.4 It is recommended that the Committee delegates authority to the Chair to agree any necessary decisions about the recruitment process (in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members). In accordance with best practice in recruitment there should be consistency in Members of the interview panel throughout the process.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 Under Schedule 18 of the Greater London Authority Act, the Assembly has various powers and duties in respect of London TravelWatch. These include the powers to: agree London TravelWatch's budget, appoint members of the London TravelWatch Board, approve officer appointments made by London TravelWatch, receive London TravelWatch's accounts and audit and, under s 251 of the GLA Act, to issue guidance and directions as to the manner in which London TravelWatch shall exercise its functions.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 Any costs incurred in the recruitment process will be charged to the existing recruitment budget.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 - Job description

<h3>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</h3> <p>List of Background Papers: None.</p>
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