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Title: London TravelWatch Recruitment

Executive Summary

The London TravelWatch Business Plan for 2020/21 sets out details for a new partnership with Transport Focus, with the introduction of new senior management arrangements including the establishment of a new London TravelWatch Director role. The GLA Act provides that officer appointments made to London TravelWatch are subject to approval by the Assembly.

Following consultation with the Deputy Chairman, party Group Lead Members and the Chair of the Transport Committee, the Chair of the Assembly agreed to delegate authority to the Deputy Chair of the Transport Committee to sit on the recruitment panel for this position.

The decision will be reported back to the Transport Committee, which would ordinarily consider issues related to London TravelWatch, at its next suitable meeting.

Decision

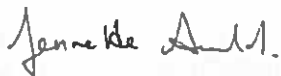
That authority be delegated to the Deputy Chair of the Transport Committee to sit on the recruitment panel for the new London TravelWatch Director role.

Assembly Member

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in the proposed decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

Signature



Date 22nd November 2019

Printed Name Jennette Arnold OBE AM

Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Notes:

1. *The Lead Officer should prepare this form for signature by relevant Members of the Assembly to record any instance where the Member proposes to take action under a specific delegated authority. The purpose of the form is to record the advice received from officers, and the decision made.*
2. **The 'background' section (below) should be used to include an indication as to whether the information contained in / referred to in this Form should be considered as exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). If so, the specimen Annexe (attached below) should be used. If this form does deal with exempt information, you must submit both parts of this form for approval together.**

Background and proposed next steps:

The London TravelWatch Business Plan for 2020/21 sets out details for a new partnership with Transport Focus, with the introduction of new senior management arrangements including the establishment of a new London TravelWatch Director role. The advert for this position was published in October with an interview date set for 2 December. Following this, the Government announced that a General Election would be held on 12 December and, as such, all London Assembly meetings were postponed.

At the London Assembly (Plenary) meeting on 31 October 2019, the Assembly agreed, in relation to urgent matters only, a general delegation of authority in respect of the Assembly's powers and functions (apart from those that cannot under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 be delegated) be given to the Chair of the Assembly, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman, party Group Leaders and relevant Committee Chair(s), from the close of the meeting up until the General Election scheduled for 12th December 2019.

Under the GLA Act, officer appointments to London TravelWatch are subject to approval by the London Assembly. Noting the change in working arrangements with Transport Focus and the seniority of the position, the Deputy Chair of the Transport Committee was invited to sit on the recruitment panel for this position.

Following consultation with the Deputy Chairman, party Group Lead Members and the Chair of the Transport Committee, the Chair of the Assembly agreed to delegate authority for the Deputy Chair of the Transport Committee to sit on the recruitment panel for this position.

The outcome of this recruitment process will be reported back to the Transport Committee, which would ordinarily consider issues related to London TravelWatch, at its next suitable meeting.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision

Signed by Committee
Services




Date 19/11/2019

Print Name: Laura Pelling

Tel: 5526

Financial implications			
NOT REQUIRED			
Signed by Finance	N/A	Date
Print Name	N/A	Tel:

Legal implications			
The Chair of the London Assembly has the power to make the decision set out in this report.			
Signed by Legal		Date
Print Name	Emma Strain, Monitoring Officer	Tel:	X 4399

Additional information should be provided supported by background papers. These could include for example the business case, a project report or the results of procurement evaluation.

Supporting detail/List of Consultees: Tony Arbour (Deputy Chair), Len Duvall AM, Gareth Bacon AM, Caroline Russell AM, Peter Whittle AM, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, and Florence Eshalomi AM (Chair, Transport Committee).

Public Access to Information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the FoIA, or the EIR and will be made available on the GLA Website within one working day of approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision (for example, to complete a procurement process), it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary. **Note:** this form (Part 1) will either be published within one working day after it has been approved or on the defer date.

Part 1 – Deferral
Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? No

Until what date: (a date is required if deferring)

Part 2 – Sensitive information

Only the facts or advice that would be exempt from disclosure under FoIA or EIR should be included in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form - No

Lead Officer/Author

Signed


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Date 20 Nov 2019

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Job Title

Countersigned by
Director


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Date 20.11.19

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