

MDA No.: 1326

Title: Extension to the term of appointment of the Chair of London TravelWatch

1. Executive Summary

1.1 At the Transport Committee meeting on 13 September 2021 the Committee resolved:

7.2 (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman and party Group Lead Members, to agree the extension of the appointment of the Chair of the London TravelWatch Board.

1.2 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members, the Chair agreed that the term of appointment for the Chair of the London TravelWatch Board, Arthur Leathley, should be extended by two years until 30 September 2023 in order to assist with succession planning on the Board of London TravelWatch, and on the basis of his excellent work during a challenging period.

2. Decision

2.1 That the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman and party Group Lead Members, approves that the term of appointment of the Chair of the London TravelWatch Board, Arthur Leathley, be extended by two years until 30 September 2023.

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:



Printed Name: **Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM**

Date: **23 September 2021**

3. Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Background and proposed next steps:

- 3.1 The London Assembly has delegated authority to the Transport Committee to deal with matters relating to London TravelWatch, the statutory watchdog for transport users in the capital. The appointment of the London TravelWatch Chair and board members is a statutory responsibility of the London Assembly (s247 of the GLA Act 1999).
- 3.2 The term of appointment for the Chair of the London TravelWatch Board, Arthur Leathley, ends on 30 September 2021. It is proposed to extend his term by two years to 30 September 2023, in order to assist with succession planning on the Board of London TravelWatch, and on the basis of his excellent work during a challenging period.
- 3.3 The Secretary of State for Transport was consulted on the extension to the term. In his response to the consultation dated 15 September 2021 he set out that he noted the proposal and had no additional comments.
- 3.4 The exercise of delegated authority approving the extension to the term of appointment of the Chair of the London TravelWatch Board will be formally noted at the Transport Committee's next appropriate meeting.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision:

Signature (Committee Services): Paul Goodchild

Printed Name: Paul Goodchild

Date: 21 September 2021

Telephone Number: 07842 600832

Financial Implications: NOT REQUIRED

Note: Finance comments and signature are required only where there are financial implications arising or the potential for financial implications.

Signature (Finance): Not Required

Printed Name:

Date:

Telephone Number:

Legal Implications:

The Chair of Transport Committee has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signature (Legal):



Printed Name: Emma Strain, Monitoring Officer

Date: 21 September 2021

Telephone Number: 020 7983 6550

Supporting Detail / List of Consultees:

- Keith Prince AM (Deputy Chairman)
- Elly Baker AM
- Sian Berry AM

4. Public Access to Information

- 4.1 Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the FoIA, or the EIR and will be made available on the GLA Website, usually within one working day of approval.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 **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

If yes, until what date:

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

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Printed Name: Fiona Bywaters

Job Title: Committee Services Manager

Date: 21 September 2021

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Countersigned by Executive Director:

Signature: 

Printed Name: Joanna Davidson

Date: 22 September 2021