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Title: GLA Oversight Committee – Transport for London Funding Package

Executive Summary

At its Annual Meeting on 15 May 2020, the Assembly resolved:

That, 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 GLA Oversight Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman of that Committee, party Group Leaders, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM and any relevant committee Chair(s), from the close of the meeting until 31 August 2020.

Following consultation with the Deputy Chairman, party Group Leaders, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM and the Chair of the Transport Committee, Len Duvall AM agreed a letter to the Secretary of State for Transport requesting that the full terms of the funding and financing package reached between the Government and Transport for London (TfL) be published.

The letter was sent by the Chair of the Transport Committee, Dr Alison Moore AM.

Decision

That the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman, party Group Leaders, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM and the Chair of the Transport Committee, agree a letter from the Chair of the Transport Committee to the Secretary of State for Transport requesting that the full terms of the funding and financing package reached between the Government and Transport for London (TfL) be published.

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 26/05/2020



Printed Name Len Duvall AM (Chair, GLA Oversight Committee)

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:

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Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision

Signed by Committee Services

Date 26/05/2020



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**Financial implications
NOT REQUIRED**

Signed by Finance N/A

Date

Print Name N/A

Tel:

Legal implications

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

Signed by Legal



Date 26/05/2020

Print Name

Emma Strain, Monitoring Officer

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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: Susan Hall AM (Deputy Chairman), Caroline Russell AM, Peter Whittle AM, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, Dr Alison Moore AM (Chair of 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

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



Date
28/05/2020

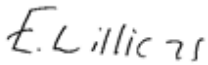
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The Rt. Hon Grant Shapps MP

Secretary of State

Department for Transport

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(Sent by email)

22 May 2020

Dear Secretary of State,

Re: Transport for London funding package

I am writing to you to ask that you urgently publish the full terms of the funding and financing package reached between the Government and Transport for London (TfL).

The Transport Committee recognises that Government financial support to TfL is required during this extremely difficult period. London's transport system is the lifeblood of the city and it is vital to the economic and social recovery of London in the midst of COVID-19, and as we emerge from it. It is essential that buses and Tubes continue to run, so that journeys that depend on public transport can be made in ways that are safe for passengers and transport workers.

Since the announcement of the deal last week, it has become clear that there remains some uncertainty about elements of the deal and requirements attached to it. This uncertainty is unhelpful for all impacted by the deal and must be resolved. It is vital that we can assess the deal in its entirety at the soonest opportunity. This will not only enable us to continue to hold the Mayor and TfL to account in their efforts to deliver for all Londoners; it will also help ensure that Londoners know why and how decisions impacting them were made.

We ask that you please urgently publish the deal in full, and provide a response to this letter, as soon as possible. When providing your response please copy in the Principal Committee Manager, Laura Pelling (Laura.Pelling@london.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Moore." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Email: Alison.Moore@london.gov.uk

Dr Alison Moore AM
Chair, Transport Committee

cc The Rt. Hon Rishi Sunak MP - Chancellor of the Exchequer