Subject: Commissioner of Transport

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 10 December 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides background information to the Transport Committee in relation to its meeting with Transport for London’s Commissioner of Transport, Mike Brown MVO.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee notes the report, puts questions to Mike Brown MVO, Commissioner of Transport, on the work of Transport for London and notes the discussion.

3. Background

3.1 The Transport Committee usually holds a meeting with the TfL Commissioner once a year. This meeting is used as an opportunity to discuss a range of different transport issues and follow up on the Committee’s recent work, which includes investigations into the devolution of National Rail services, taxi and private hire services and cycling schemes.

3.2 The Mike Brown MVO became TfL’s Interim Commissioner in July 2015, following Sir Peter Hendy CBE’s appointment as Chair of Network Rail. His permanent appointment as Commissioner was confirmed in September. He has spent much of his career at Transport for London, joining London Underground in 1989. He became Chief Operating Office of London Underground in 2003, and Managing Director for Rail and Underground in 2010. Between 2008 and 2010, he left TfL to become Managing Director of Heathrow Airport.

3.3 On his appointment as Commissioner of Transport, Mike Brown MVO summarised the key, ongoing priorities of Transport for London:

“It is vital that we continue to invest, deliver even greater efficiencies and develop our commercial revenue, to support more jobs, homes and ensure London remains the engine of the UK economy. As Commissioner, my priorities will be the continuing modernisation of the Capital’s transport networks, including the upgrade of the Tube, more fast, frequent, metro-style rail services, the delivery of Crossrail and Crossrail 2. I'm also determined that, in delivering our unprecedented £4bn Road Modernisation Plan, we keep traffic flowing, the bus network reliable and keep all Londoners, businesses and road users informed so they can plan ahead and avoid disruption.”
4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 The Committee has invited Mike Brown MVO, Commissioner of Transport, to the meeting to discuss the work of Transport for London.

5. Legal Implications

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

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:
None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None

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