

MINUTES

Meeting: Transport Committee
Date: Wednesday 9 March 2016
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Valerie Shawcross CBE AM (Chair)
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Deputy Chair)
Tony Arbour AM
Kemi Badenoch AM
Darren Johnson AM
Murad Qureshi AM
Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Richard Tracey AM

1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 1)

- 1.1 An apology for absence was received from Steve O'Connell AM, for whom Tony Arbour AM attended as a substitute Member.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 **Resolved:**

That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held on 9 February 2016 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

4.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

4.2 Resolved:

That the completed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted.

5 Transport Accessibility for Londoners with a Sensory Impairment (Item 5)

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on transport accessibility for Londoners with a sensory impairment to the following invited guests:

- Helen Drew, Customer Services Safety and Standards Manager, Chiltern Railways;
- David McNeill, Director of Public Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, Transport for London (TfL);
- Sarah Teichler, Customer Strategy Manager London Underground, TfL;
- Dr Roger Wicks, Director of Policy and Campaigns, Action on Hearing Loss;
- Faryal Velmi, Director, Transport for All;
- Patrick Roberts, Trustee, Transport for All;
- Dr Tom Pey, Chief Executive, Royal London Society for Blind People; and
- Robert Harris, Engagement Manager, Guide Dogs.

5.2 A transcript of the discussion on transport accessibility for Londoners with a sensory impairment is attached at **Appendix 1**.

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- 5.3 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following further information in writing from TfL:
- Details of the proposed 'bus stop bypass' outside St Thomas' Hospital and how the impact on sight impaired patients was being taken into account;
 - The reasons for some seats for disabled people on buses having no space underneath for an assistance dog;
 - Further details about enforcement of private hire licensing in connection with refusing to pick up customers with an assistance dog, including the number of such incidents, what the TfL policy about enforcement is; and
 - What proof private drivers were required to provide where they claimed to have a dog allergy in order to be exempt from being required to pick up a customer with an assistance dog.
- 5.4 During the course of this item, the Chair welcomed to the public gallery staff and pupils from Al-Falah Primary School in Hackney.

5.5 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

6 Motorcycle Safety (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

6.2 **Resolved:**

That the Committee's report, *Easy Rider: Improving motorcycle safety on London's roads*, be agreed.

7 Light Commercial Traffic (Item 7)

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

7.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the output of the Committee's work on light commercial traffic be agreed; and**
- (b) That the letter from the Commissioner of Transport responding to the Committee's recommendations on light commercial traffic be noted.**

8 Transport Committee Work in 2012-2016 (Item 8)

8.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

8.2 **Resolved:**

That the report be noted as a record of the Committee's work in the current Assembly term.

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

9.1 The Committee noted that the establishment of committees and dates for committee meetings in the 2016/17 Assembly year would be agreed at the Assembly's Annual Meeting, scheduled to take place on 13 May 2016.

10 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 10)

10.1 On the occasion of her final Committee meeting, the Chair thanked Members and staff for their contributions to the Committee during the previous eight years. The Chair highlighted the cross-party basis of the Committee's reports which had helped to achieve real improvements to transport in London, and thanked Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM for the close working during the eight years that they had served as Chairs and Deputy Chairs.

10.2 The Deputy Chair thanked Valerie Shawcross CBE AM for co-chairing the Committee over the previous eight years, and thanked Darren Johnson AM and Richard Tracey AM, the party Group Leaders, for their work on the Committee. She drew attention to the Committee's recommendations on block closures for Tube improvement works and cycle safety, the agenda-setting work on taxi and private hire services and the importance of the passenger focus to all the Committee's work.

10.3 Richard Tracey AM and Darren Johnson AM also paid tribute to the work of the Committee.

11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting ended at 12.48pm.

Chair

Date

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