

# MINUTES

**Meeting: Transport Committee**

**Date: Wednesday 9 October 2019**

**Time: 10.00 am**

**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Florence Eshalomi AM (Chair)

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Deputy Chair)

Gareth Bacon AM

Shaun Bailey AM

Tom Copley AM

Unmesh Desai AM

Tony Devenish AM

David Kurten AM

Caroline Russell AM

Navin Shah AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Joanne McCartney AM, for whom Unmesh Desai AM attended as a substitute Member; and from Keith Prince AM, for whom Tony Devenish AM attended as a substitute Member.
- 1.2 During the course of the meeting, the Chair welcomed students from the London School of Economics to the public viewing gallery.

## **2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)**

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

2.2 **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 11 September 2019 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 London TravelWatch Business Plan and Budget Bid 2020-21 (Item 5)**

5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on London TravelWatch's (LTW) Business Plan and Budget Bid 2020-21 to the following invited guests:

- Arthur Leathley, Chair, LTW;
- Joanne Simons, Interim Chief Executive, LTW; and
- Anthony Smith, Chief Executive, Transport Focus.

5.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.

5.3 During the course of the discussion, the Interim Chief Executive, LTW, placed on record her thanks to Committee Members and officers for their assistance in drafting the business plan.

- 5.4 The Chair requested that the Executive Director of Secretariat monitor the proposed new working relationship between LTW and Transport Focus and, in consultation with the Chair, report back to the Committee.

5.5 **Resolved:**

**That:**

**(a) London TravelWatch's Business Plan for 2020-21 as set out at Annex A to the report be noted; and**

**(b) Noting the decision taken at 5.5(a), the Committee give in-principle agreement to London TravelWatch's budget bid for 2020-21, as set out at Appendix 2 of Annex A, for recommendation to the London Assembly's GLA Oversight Committee as part of the draft London Assembly budget submission for the 2020-21 financial year.**

## **6 Accessible and Inclusive Transport (Item 6)**

- 6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on accessible and inclusive transport to the following invited guests:

- Staynton Brown, Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Talent, Transport for London (TfL);
- Christina Calderato, Head of Transport Strategy and Planning, TfL;
- Helen McAllister, Head of Strategic Planning, Network Rail;
- Kirsty Hoyle, Chief Executive Officer, Transport for All; and
- Alan Benson, Chair, Transport for All.

- 6.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 2**.

- 6.3 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following further information in writing from the representatives of TfL:

- Details of the stakeholders TfL meets with as part of its accessibility work;
- The membership of the Independent Disability Advisory Group (IDAG);
- For the minutes and agendas of IDAG meetings to be published, and previous copies to be provided to the Committee;
- An update on efforts to remove old telephone booths and other unused infrastructure from pavements;
- An update on revisions to the streetscape guidance and advice on electric vehicles and rapid charge points;

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- Details of what TfL could do to ensure that accessibility upgrades are delivered as early as possible in a project;
- Plans for ensuring future rolling stock is accessible, including the addition of deployable ramps on trains, akin to the rolling stock recently introduced on Greater Anglia services;
- What improvements to accessibility TfL is exploring in the commission of any new buses, including whether the use of fold down seats or improved CCTV and communication between passenger and driver is being considered;
- How many people accessed TfL's travel mentoring services last year;
- An update on any plans to introduce a personal travel budget;
- An explanation of who runs Dial-a-Ride and Taxicard schemes; and
- Details of how TfL actively supports the innovation of new apps for users requiring accessible services beyond the provision of open-source data.

6.4 The Head of Strategic Planning, Network Rail, agreed to contact the Rail Delivery Group on what train operating companies' policies regarding adapted or non-standard bicycles used as accessibility aids were. She also agreed to provide the Committee with timescales for Network Rail's Railway for Everyone network study and an update on whether the entrance to Euston Station via Eversholt Street will be made permanent.

6.5 **Resolved:**

**That the report and discussion be noted.**

## **7 Transport Committee Work Programme (Item 7)**

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

**That the work programme be noted.**

## **8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)**

8.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Tuesday, 12 November 2019 at 10.00am, in the Chamber, City Hall.

## **9 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 9)**

9.1 There was no other business the Chair considered urgent.

## 10 Close of Meeting

10.1 The meeting ended at 12.45 pm.

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Chair

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