

MINUTES

Meeting: Transport Committee
Date: Wednesday 22 July 2020
Time: 11.00 am
Place: Virtual Meeting

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Present:

Dr Alison Moore AM (Chair)
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Deputy Chair)
Shaun Bailey AM
Tony Devenish AM
David Kurten AM
Joanne McCartney AM
Keith Prince AM
Caroline Russell AM
Navin Shah AM

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

- 1.1 The Chair explained that, in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, the meeting was being held virtually with Assembly Members and guests participating remotely.
- 1.2 The Clerk read the roll-call of Assembly Members who were participating remotely. An apology for absence was received from Assembly Member Eshalomi MP.

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 15 June 2020 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, and correspondence sent by the Chair, be noted.

5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)

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

5.2 **Resolved:**

That the recent action taken by the Chair of the Committee under delegated authority, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, namely to agree a letter to the Deputy Mayor for Transport on the impact of COVID-19 on London's transport network be noted.

6 How COVID-19 is Shaping Public Transport Provision (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on how COVID-19 is shaping public transport provision to the following invited guests:

- Dr Will Norman, Walking and Cycling Commissioner;
- Alex Williams, Director of City Planning, Transport for London (TfL);
- Councillor Julian Bell, Chair of London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee; and
- Nicole Badstuber, Transport Policy and Travel Behaviour Researcher at University College London and the University of Westminster.

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

6.3 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following additional information from the Walking and Cycling Commissioner:

- A copy of the TfL map which set out where bikes were allowed on the network;
- The latest figures for Ultra Low Emissions Zone (ULEZ) compliance levels for motorbikes;
- Data on compliance on car free roads once it had been collected;
- Findings and data on low traffic neighbourhoods and the impact it had had on businesses. The Committee also requested details of any data TfL may hold on older people and travel as lockdown restrictions are eased, particularly regarding social isolation;
- Copies of agendas and minutes for meetings of the Active Travel Oversight Group;
- Confirmation once the 'map of engagement', setting out consultations for TfL and borough Streetspace projects, was online; and
- Details of monitoring and evaluation work of temporary Streetspace schemes and how decisions would be made with borough councils.

6.4 The Director of City Planning, TfL, agreed to provide the Committee with the following:

- An update on the provision of secure cycle storage across London;
- Further information on the modelling undertaken by TfL regarding the suspension of free travel for under 18 year olds and the numbers of children no longer trying to access TfL busses;
- An update on when the central section of the Elizabeth line was expected to open; and
- A copy of the report to be considered by the TfL Board regarding the impact of COVID-19 on the Mayor's Transport Strategy.

6.5 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and discussion be noted; and**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, to agree any output from the meeting.**

7 London TravelWatch Progress Report (Item 7)

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions to the following invited guests:

- Arthur Leathley, Chair, London TravelWatch (LTW); and
- Anthony Smith, Chief Executive, Transport Focus.

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

7.3 **Resolved:**

- (a) That London TravelWatch's annual performance and the financial position as at 31 March 2020 and discussion be noted; and**
- (b) That a one year extension to the period of appointment for the three London TravelWatch Board members whose terms of appointment are currently due to expire on 31 December 2020, as set out in the report, be agreed, subject to satisfactory performance reviews.**

8 Transport Committee Work Programme (Item 8)

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

8.2 The Chair proposed that the Committee respond to two additional consultations not listed in the work programme report. The first, the Department for Transport consultation on decarbonising transport; this would be a joint response with the Chair of the Environment Committee. The second was the Transport for London consultation on extending bus lane hours.

8.3 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the Committee's work programme, as agreed under delegated authority by the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee in May 2020, and as set out in the report, be noted; and**

- (b) That the Committee delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members to agree:**
- (i) A joint response with the Chair of the Environment Committee to the Department for Transport consultation on decarbonising transport; and**
 - (ii) A response to the Transport for London consultation on extending bus lane hours.**

9 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

9.1 The next meeting of the Committee will be confirmed by the London Assembly in due course.

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

10.1 There was no other business.

11 Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting ended at 2.33pm.

Chair

Date

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