

MINUTES

Meeting: Transport Committee

Date: Tuesday 11 January 2022

Time: 10.00 am

**Place: G02 – G03 – G04, LFB Headquarters,
169 Union Street, London, SE1 0LL**

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Present:

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Chair)

Keith Prince AM (Deputy Chairman)

Elly Baker AM

Siân Berry AM

Anne Clarke AM

Unmesh Desai AM

Neil Garratt AM

Nicholas Rogers AM

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

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Shaun Bailey AM.

1.2 In accordance with Standing Order 2.4, Joanne McCartney AM participated in the meeting remotely with the permission of the Chair.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly 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 14 December 2021 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 Assembly Secretariat.

4.2 Resolved:

That the ongoing actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee and the additional correspondence received be noted.

5 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 5)

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

5.2 Resolved:

That the action taken by the Chair of the Committee under delegated authority, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman and party Group Lead Members, be noted, namely to agree the appointment and extension of terms of office of London TravelWatch Board Members.

6 Vision Zero (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat as background to putting questions on Vision Zero to the following invited guests:

- Lilli Matson, Chief Safety, Health and Environment Officer, Transport for London (TfL);
- Dr Will Norman, Walking and Cycling Commissioner, TfL;
- Shravan Joshi MBE, Deputy Chairman, Streets & Walkways Sub Committee, City of London Corporation; and
- Chief Superintendent Simon Ovens, Roads and Transport Policing Command, Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).

6.2 Mayor Philip Glanville, Mayor of Hackney, and Councillor Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader, London Borough of Waltham Forest, were unable to attend the meeting at short notice. The Committee agreed to submit questions to them in writing and to seek a roundtable with them to ensure input from the Boroughs into the investigation.

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

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6.4 Chief Superintendent Simon Ovens agreed to provide the Committee with:

- Details of any discussions the MPS had held with the Government on reducing the legal limit from 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood to 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood, as had taken place in Scotland in 2014;
- Details of any discussions the MPS had held with the Government on allowing random breath testing and police use of mobile evidential breath testing equipment, and the potential benefit of such a policy in London;
- How the MPS had refocused enforcement on roads during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- An update in due course on how plans to designate Police Constable traffic enforcement powers to Police Community Support Officers would benefit the MPS.

6.5 The Walking and Cycling Commissioner agreed to provide the Committee with:

- Examples of why junction adaptations had gone ahead in some areas when critical safety issues had been raised in advance, such as a nil score (the lowest possible score) under the criteria set out by the Safer Junctions Programme; and
- More details on 'alcolocks' and how these might decrease the number of incidents on London's roads.

6.6 The Chief Safety, Health and Environment Officer, TfL, agreed to provide the Committee with more details from the Director of Bus Operations, TfL, on bus driver fatigue, and if this was recorded as a contributing factor in collisions involving buses. She also agreed to provide a breakdown of collision data, with information on the cause, for the Committee to consider.

6.7 **Resolved:**

(a) That the report and discussion be noted.

(b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman and party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the meeting.

7 Transport Committee Work Programme (Item 7)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

That the Committee's work programme and meeting dates be noted.

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

8.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for 9 February 2022 at 10.00am.

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

- 9.1 There was one item of urgent business accepted by the Chair, in accordance with Section 100(B)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds that consideration of the report at this meeting would ensure that the Committee could be consulted on the changes set out in the report in advance of the next meeting of the London TravelWatch Board on 18 January 2022.

9a London TravelWatch and Transport Focus - Changes to Governance Arrangements (Item 9a)

- 9.2 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Assembly Secretariat.

9.3 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the changes and resultant amendments to the Collaboration Agreement between London TravelWatch and Transport focus be noted;**
- (b) That the relevant changes to the associated Memorandum of Understanding between London TravelWatch and the Committee be agreed; and**
- (c) That the appointment of Emma Gibson as London TravelWatch Accounting Officer, and that her change in job title from Director to Chief Executive, be endorsed.**

10 Close of Meeting

- 10.1 The meeting ended at 1.11pm.

Chair

Date

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