

MINUTES

Meeting: Transport Committee

Date: Wednesday 9 September 2015

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)
Victoria Borwick AM MP
Tom Copley AM
Roger Evans AM
Murad Qureshi AM
Navin Shah AM
Richard Tracey AM

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

- 1.1 The Chair brought to the Committee's attention the occasion of Her Majesty the Queen becoming the longest serving monarch, an event to be marked on the river directly outside City Hall following the meeting. The Committee congratulated Her Majesty on her lifetime service and the Chair added her own tribute to the nation's greatest public servant.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Steve O'Connell AM, for whom Roger Evans AM attended as a substitute Member, Dr Onkar Sahota AM, for whom Navin Shah AM attended as a substitute Member, and from Darren Johnson AM.

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 8 July 2015 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 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 action taken by the Chair under delegated authority be noted, namely to agree:

- (a) The scope and terms of reference for an investigation into commercial traffic in London; and**
- (b) A response to the Transport for London consultation on card payments in taxis.**

5.3 In accordance with Standing Order 2.2D, the Chair took the remaining items in a different order than that set out on the agenda.

6 National Rail Services in London (Item 7)

- 6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 6.2 The Committee agreed, to ensure that its report on National Rail services could be sent out to stakeholders at the earliest opportunity, that authority should be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members to agree the report.
- 6.3 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the notes of a site visit to the new London Overground service between Liverpool Street and Enfield Town, a meeting with representatives of rail passengers in Sevenoaks, Kent, and a meeting on rail devolution with a range of experts and stakeholders be noted;**
 - (b) That a response from the Mayor to letters sent to the Mayor and Transport for London on National Rail services in London be noted; and**
 - (c) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members to agree the Committee's report on National Rail services in London.**

7 Transport Committee Work Programme (Item 8)

- 7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 7.2 The Chair reported that discussion on night time Tube services scheduled for the 10 November 2015 would need to be postponed, as the 24-hour Tube service was not expected to be in operation by then.
- 7.3 It was agreed to use the 10 November 2015 meeting for two sessions with Transport for London (TfL): to follow up the discussion with Sir Howard Davies, Chair of the Airports Commission, at the Assembly Plenary meeting the previous day, where Sir Howard Davies had been critical of TfL's assessment on the impact on surface transport of expansion of Heathrow Airport; to follow up TfL's consultation on reform of private hire regulations and progress with taxi and private hire issues since the publication of the Committee's report on the issue, *Future Proof*, in 2014.
- 7.4 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the work programme for 2015/16, including the revised schedule of prospective topics for forthcoming meetings set out at paragraph 4.11 of the report be agreed;**

- (b) That the Committee's meeting on 15 October 2015 be used for a discussion of motorcycle safety with invited guests; and
- (c) That the Committee's meeting on 10 November 2015 be used for question and answer sessions with Transport for London on surface access to Heathrow Airport and taxi and private hire services.

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

- 8.1 The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Thursday 15 October 2015 at 10.00am, in the Chamber, City Hall.

9 Light Commercial Traffic (Item 6)

- 9.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on light commercial traffic to the following panels of invited guests:

Panel 1 (Current and future trends in van traffic and TfL's plans for mitigation)

- Ian Wainwright, Head of Freight and Fleet Programmes, TfL;
- Jo Godsmark, Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport; and
- Christopher Snelling, Head of Urban Logistics, Freight Transport Association.

Panel 2 (Developing more efficient and sustainable delivery methods)

- Ian Wainwright, Head of Freight and Fleet Programmes, TfL;
- Kevin Greenaway, National Planning Manager – Logistics, Sainsbury's;
- Nicholas Dunn, Head of Transport UK, Tesco plc;
- Charlie Shiels, Executive Director, DPD Group UK Ltd;
- Richard Crook, Fleet Director, DHL Express UK; and
- Lali Virdee, Institute of Sustainability.

- 9.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 9.3 During the course of the discussion, the Chair asked DHL to provide the Committee with further details of the regulatory issues arising from the 3.5 tonne limit on vehicles classed as light good vehicles.
- 9.4 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

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 11.58am.

Chair

Date

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