

Subject: Govia Thameslink Railway

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 25 June 2018

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the background to a discussion with Govia Thameslink Railway on the implementation of its new timetable.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report as background to putting questions to guests on the new Govia Thameslink Railway timetable, and notes the discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) is the train operating company that holds the Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern rail franchise. It runs each of these services, as well as the Gatwick Express service. GTR's parent company is Govia, which also owns Southeastern trains. Govia is majority-owned by the Go-Ahead Group.
- 3.2 GTR introduced a new timetable across all of its services in May 2018, to accommodate the expansion of Thameslink services. Severe disruptions to services have been experienced since this time, with the company bringing in a reduced timetable in early June.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The Committee will use today's meeting to discuss the new timetable, reasons for disruptions and ways problems can be addressed. The following guests have been invited:
- Nick Brown, Chief Operating Officer, Govia Thameslink Railway; and
 - John Halsall, Route Managing Director (South East), Network Rail.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: None.

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List of Background Papers: None

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