

# Subject: Action Taken Under Delegated Authority

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 12 September 2018

This report will be considered in public

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines recent actions taken by the Chair under delegated authority, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members, in accordance with the delegations granted to the Chair by the Transport Committee.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the recent action taken by the Chair of the Committee under delegated authority, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, namely to agree:**
- (a) **A letter to the Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, copied to the Office of Rail and Road, regarding disruptions on the Govia Thameslink Railway network attached at Appendix 1 to the report and the response from the Office of Rail and Road attached at Appendix 2 to the report;**
  - (b) **The recruitment process for three London TravelWatch Board Member positions; and**
  - (c) **Arrangements for the site visit on a Thames Clipper boat on 28 June 2018 the summary of which is attached as Appendix 3, and the follow up letter attached at Appendix 4 to the report.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 11 July 2018, the Committee resolved:

*That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree a submission to the Department for Transport, copied to the Office of Rail and Road, regarding service disruptions on the Govia Thameslink Railway network.*

3.2 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members, a letter to the Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, copied to the Office of Rail and Road, was agreed on 18 July 2018. A response from the Office for Rail and Road was received on 20 July 2018.

3.3 At its meeting on 13 June 2018, which was used for the Committee's investigation into the Future of Rail in London, the Committee resolved:

*That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any related site visits.*

3.4 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members, the Chair agreed the arrangements for a site visit, hosted by Network Rail, to take place on 29 June 2018 to London Bridge to review the Digital Railway Programme. This site visit was undertaken as part of the Committee's investigation into the Future Rail in London. The report for this investigation is currently being drafted and will be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

3.5 Also at the 13 June 2018 meeting, the Committee resolved:

*That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Leads, to agree the recruitment process for the three London TravelWatch Board positions, including Deputy Chair, due to expire at the end of the year.*

3.6 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members, the Chair agreed the recruitment documents for three Board positions and agreed that Green Park, a recruitment firm, be contracted to undertake the recruitment search. The advert for the positions went live on 14 August 2018, with interviews expected to take place in autumn 2018. Party Group Leads and the Chair of the London TravelWatch Board will be invited to sit on the interview panel. A report with the final decision is expected to be submitted to the Committee for consideration in November/December 2018.

3.7 At its meeting on 16 May 2018, which was used to consider River Bus Services, the Committee resolved:

*That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the output from the meeting and any related site visits.*

3.8 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members, the Chair agreed that a site visit on a Thames Clipper boat would take place on 28 June 2018. A follow up letter to the Mayor was agreed by the Chair on 7 August 2018, following consultation with party Group Lead Members.

## **4. Issues for Consideration**

### **Govia Thameslink Railway**

4.1 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members, the Chair agreed a letter to the Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, copied to the Office of Rail and Road, on 18 July 2018 which is attached at **Appendix 1**. A response from the Office for Rail and Road was received on 20 July 2018 and is attached at **Appendix 2** for the Committee to note.

### **London TravelWatch Recruitment**

- 4.3 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members, the Chair agreed the recruitment process and documents for the three London TravelWatch Board Member positions. The advert went live on 14 August 2018. A report will be submitted to the Committee meeting in November/December 2018 with the final decision.

### **River Bus Services**

- 4.4 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members, the Chair agreed a site visit on a Thames Clipper boat on 28 June 2018, the summary notes of which are attached **at Appendix 3**. A follow up letter to the Mayor was agreed by the Chair on 7 August 2018, following consultation with party Group Lead Members, and is attached at **Appendix 4** for Members to note.

## **5. Legal Implications**

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

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 The cost for the London TravelWatch recruitment process and associated costs is estimated to be £24k. The cost will be met from the Secretariat's current budget.

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### **List of appendices to this report:**

- Appendix 1 – Letter to Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP, Secretary of State for Transport, dated 18 July 2018.  
Appendix 2 – Letter from Office of Rail and Road, dated 20 July 2018.  
Appendix 3 – MBNA Thames Clipper Site Visit – Summary note  
Appendix 4 – Letter to the Mayor, dated 7 August 2018

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

List of Background Papers:

Member Delegated Authority Form: 939 (River Bus Services site visit); 964 (LTW recruitment); 966 (Department for Transport Letter); 978 (Future Rail site visit)

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