

MINUTES

Meeting: Transport Committee
Date: Tuesday 15 November 2011
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Caroline Pidgeon (Chair)
Valerie Shawcross (Deputy Chair)
Victoria Borwick
Roger Evans
Jenny Jones
Joanne McCartney
Steve O'Connell
Murad Qureshi
Richard Tracey

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

1.1 There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

2.1 Resolved:

- (a) That the relevant Assembly Members' membership of Functional Bodies and London Borough Councils, as set out in Item 2 on the agenda, be noted and recorded as personal interests; and**
- (b) That gifts and hospitality received by Members in the previous three years, as set out on the Authority's gifts and hospitality register, be noted.**

3. Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 The Committee received the minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held on 11 October 2011.

3.2 **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held on 11 October 2011 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 outstanding actions arising from the 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 setting out recent correspondence issued by the Chair of the Transport Committee under delegated authority.

5.2 **Resolved:**

That the recent actions taken by the Chair of the Committee under delegated authority be noted.

6. 2012 Transport (Item 6)

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

- Isabel Dedring, Deputy Mayor for Transport;
- Hugh Sumner, Director of Transport, Olympic Delivery Authority;
- Richard George, Director of Transport, the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games; and
- Ben Plowden, Director of Better Routes and Places, Transport for London.

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6.2 A record of the discussion is attached as **Appendix 1**.

6.3 During the course of the discussion, there were a number of questions which, it was suggested, could best be answered in writing following the meeting. In summary, the Committee requested information as follows:

- Details of any road closures in London during the two days of the 2012 cycle races and whether or not local businesses along the route will be able to get deliveries between the days;
- Details of the command and control structure for operating transport during the Games, including details of who will be in charge of transport and in what situations decisions would get escalated;
- An update on discussions to develop the 2012 Journey Planner including whether it can show walking and cycling options if these are quicker than public transport;
- Details of the closures of the Greenway walking and cycling route in Stratford for security purposes and how users of this route will be able to continue to walk/cycle;
- An update on any Transport for London discussion with the London Cycling Campaign about its proposals for improvements to the greenways and the action taken in response to the London Cycling Campaign's proposals;
- Details of the total length of the Olympic Route Network and the proportion of this which will be Games Lanes;
- The extent to which ambulance and fire brigade emergency vehicles will be able to use the Games Lanes including any circumstances when they will not be able to use Games Lanes;
- Details of how the Blackwall tunnel would be operated during the Games period;
- Clarification on how Safer Transport Teams would be deployed in boroughs during the Games and if they would be used for enforcement of the Olympic Route Network;
- The estimated number of temporary platform humps which will be installed at Tube stations before the Games; and
- Details of any work taking place to ensure there is a lasting legacy from improvements to accessibility.

6.4 The Committee also noted that it was expecting to receive the next written 2012 update report in December.

6.5 **Resolved:**

That the report be noted.

7. Response to The Future of Road Congestion in London (Item 7)

7.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat setting out the Commissioner of Transport's response to the Committee's report: *The Future of Road Congestion in London*.

7.2 It was noted that in its response to the third recommendation of the Committee's report, Transport for London may have misinterpreted the Committee's position on the proposed reinstatement of a hierarchy of road users in the London Plan. The Chair agreed to respond in writing to the Commissioner of Transport clarifying the Committee's recommendation.

7.3 **Resolved:**

(a) That the response to the report be noted; and

(b) That the Chair responds in writing to the Commissioner of Transport's response to the Committee's report, *The Future of Road Congestion in London*.

8. Transport Committee Work Programme 2011/12 (Item 8)

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

8.2 **Resolved:**

That the work programme as set out in the report be noted.

9. Date of Next Meeting (Item 9)

9.1 The next meeting of the Committee would be held on 17 January 2012 at 10am in the Chamber.

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

10.1 There were no items of additional business.

11. Close of Meeting

11.1 The meeting finished at 12.10pm.

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Chair

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