

MINUTES

Meeting: Economy Committee
Date: Tuesday 12 March 2019
Time: 10.00 am
Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Susan Hall AM (Chairman)
Andrew Dismore AM (Deputy Chair)
Shaun Bailey AM
Caroline Russell AM
Leonie Cooper AM
Florence Eshalomi AM
Caroline Russell AM

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

- 1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Jennette Arnold OBE AM and Fiona Tywcross AM, for whom Leonie Cooper AM and Florence Eshalomi AM substituted respectively.

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of 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 held on 17 January 2019 be signed by the Chairman 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:

(a) The recent action taken by the Chairman under delegated authority, namely to agree, the letter to the Mayor regarding self-employed Londoners managing finances under Universal Credit attached at Appendix 1 of report, be noted.

(b) That the Mayoral response, attached at Appendix 2 of the report, to the Committee's letter on Universal Credit be noted.

6 Small Minicab Firms in London (Item 6)

6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on small minicab firms in London invited guests.

6.2 The first panel was a public roundtable with the following invited guests:

- Jimmy Lazarou, Chief Executive Officer, Crawfords of London;
- Greg Mendoza, Vice President, International Operations, Carey Worldwide

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Chauffeured Services;

- Anthony Edwards, Chief Operating Officer, Brunel Total Ground Transportation;
- Zoe Walsh, Sales and Customer Relations Director, GLH;
- Diana Kendall, Company Director, Kendall Cars;
- Roderick Lynch, Former PHV operator & developer of specialist wheelchair and stretcher accessible vehicles;
- Robert Welch, Managing Director, Small Car Big City;
- Peter Jamieson, The Driver Guides Association;
- Abu Ashrafuzzaman, Licensed Private Hire Driver;
- Sue Flohr MBE, Head of Policy British Dyslexia Association;
- Steve Hall, Commercial Director, LCH Industry Vehicle Hire; and
- Steve Wright MBE, Chair Licensed Private Hire Car Association.

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

6.4 The second panel consisted of the following invited officers from Transport for London (TfL):

- Graham Robinson, General Manager, Taxi and Private Hire; and
- Christina Calderato, Head of Planning Delivery.

6.5 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 2**.

6.6 During the course of the discussion, Members requested the following additional information:

- An estimate of the increase in zero-emission-capable taxis since the changes to the delicensing scheme in 2018;
- Further details on the work taking place by TfL to accelerate the number of electronic vehicle charging points and the rapid charging network; and
- The difference in operator licensing fees for inner and outer London including whether there was any impact from the changes to the licencing arrangements;
- Whether an impact assessment on private hire vehicle operators for the new licensing structure took place;
- The economic impact on private hire vehicle firms since the introduction of the Night Tube including whether this has seen a decline in the use of private hire vehicles;
- Whether, since the launch of the Toxicity Charge, there has been evidence of behaviour change for private hire vehicle drivers and companies;
- Details of what the money gained from the change in the ULEZ (Ultra Low Emission Zone) will be spent on;

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- A copy of the Environment and Economic Impact Assessment of the ULEZ and if available the impact on private hire vehicle drivers;
- Details of whether most private hire vehicle trips do not enter the central Congestion Charging Zone area where the ULEZ is launching; and
- A London-wide breakdown based on TfL's figures on whether private hire vehicles are replacing car ownership or increasing the amount of traffic in London.

6.7 The Committee requested TfL to consult with the British Dyslexia Association.

6.8 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the action taken by the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the scope of the 12 March meeting be noted.**
- (b) That the report and subsequent discussion be noted.**
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output from the meeting.**

7 Economy Committee Work Programme (Item 7)

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

7.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the work programme and the topic for the 3 April 2019 meeting, the ethnicity pay gap, be noted.**
- (b) That the Committee's response to the London & Partners Transparency Policy consultation, attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be noted.**
- (c) That the Report Impact Review for the Committee's report, *What Works for Microbusiness*, attached at Appendix 2 of the report, be noted.**

8 Date of Next Meeting (Item 8)

8.1 The date of the next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, 3 April 2019 at 10.00am in Committee Room 2, City Hall.

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

9.1 There were no items of business that the Chair considered to be urgent.

10 Close of Meeting

10.1 The meeting ended at 12.36 pm.

Chairman

Date

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