

MINUTES

Meeting: Transport Committee

Date: Wednesday 15 May 2019

Time: 10.00 am

Place: Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Florence Eshalomi AM (Chair)

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Deputy Chair)

Gareth Bacon AM

Shaun Bailey AM

Tom Copley AM

David Kurten AM

Keith Prince AM

Caroline Russell AM

Navin Shah AM

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

- 1.1 An apology for absence was received from Joanne McCartney AM. Steve O'Connell AM attended the meeting as an observer.

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 Membership of the Committee (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

That the membership and chairing arrangements for the Committee, as agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 2 May 2019, be noted:

Florence Eshalomi AM (Chair)

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Deputy Chair)

Gareth Bacon AM

Shaun Bailey AM

Tom Copley AM

David Kurten AM

Joanne McCartney AM

Keith Prince AM

Caroline Russell AM

Navin Shah AM

4 Terms of Reference (Item 4)

4.1 Resolved:

That the Committee's terms of reference, which were agreed by the Annual Meeting of the London Assembly at its meeting on 2 May 2019, be noted as follows:

- 1. To examine and report from time to time on –
 - the strategies, policies and actions of the Mayor, Transport for London, and the other Functional Bodies where appropriate; and
 - matters of importance to Greater Londonas they relate to transport in London.**
- 2. To examine and report to the Assembly from time to time on the Mayor's Transport Strategy, in particular its implementation and revision.**
- 3. To take into account in its deliberations the cross-cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity.**
- 4. To oversee the work of the London Transport Users' Committee (operating as London TravelWatch), to receive regular monitoring reports from that Committee and support its consultative programme. To negotiate with the Mayor for the annual budget for the London Transport Users' Committee and to recommend to the Assembly, through the GLA Oversight Committee, an annual budget for the London Transport Users' Committee.**
- 5. To discharge the responsibilities and functions of the Assembly in respect of the London Transport Users' Committee under the GLA Act 1999, in particular sections 247 – 252 and Schedules 18 and 19.**
- 6. To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference.**

5 Standing Delegations (Item 5)

5.1 Resolved:

That the following standing delegations, as agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 2 May 2019, be noted:

At its Annual Meeting on 1 May 2013, the Assembly agreed to delegate a general authority to Chairs of all ordinary committees and sub-committees to respond on the relevant committee or sub-committee's behalf, following consultation with the lead Members of the party Groups on the committee or sub-committee, where it is consulted on issues by organisations and there is insufficient time to consider the consultation at a committee meeting.

On 21 July 2005, the Transport Committee resolved:

To delegate the Chair of the Transport Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to take action in accordance with the functions of the Assembly listed in respect of the London Transport Users Committee under the GLA Act 1999.

On 9 June 2005, the Transport Committee resolved:

Future requests by LTUC¹ office holders to take on directorships/offices in other organisations be delegated to the Chair of the Transport Committee in consultation with the Party Spokespeople on the Transport Committee and following advice from the Executive Director of Secretariat.

[It is a requirement of the Terms and Conditions of Membership of LTUC that the appointee will "seek the London Assembly's approval if he/she wishes to assume any further directorships or offices at any time during the period of their appointment"]"

On 14 July 2011, the Transport Committee resolved:

That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, to approve the issue of directions or appropriate guidance to the Chief Executive of London TravelWatch.

¹ London TravelWatch is the operating title of the London Transport Users Committee

6 Minutes (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held on 25 April 2019 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

7 Summary List of Actions (Item 7)

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

7.2 Resolved:

That the completed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted.

8 Action Taken Under Delegated Authority (Item 8)

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

8.2 Resolved:

That the action taken by the Chair under delegated authority, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, be noted.

9 Tram and Bus Safety in London (Item 9)

9.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on tram safety to the following invited guests:

- Jill Collis, Director of Health Safety and Environment, Transport for London (TfL);
- Jon Fox, Director of Rail and Sponsored Services, TfL;
- Finn Brennan, District Organiser, ASLEF;
- Adrian Jones, First Group Safety Director; and
- Jackie Townsend, Managing Director – Tram Operations Ltd.

9.2 A transcript of the discussion on tram safety is attached at **Appendix 1**.

9.3 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following further information in writing:

- List of Members of the Sandilands Incident Review Board;
- Work done by TfL on risk associated with road users, in particular cyclists, and tram tracks; and
- Detail on the relationship between speed, use of the hazard brake and the effect on passengers in trams.

9.4 The Committee then put questions on bus safety to the following invited guests:

- Claire Mann, Director of Bus Operations, TfL;
- Stuart Reid, TfL, Interim Director of Vision Zero;
- Sinisa Cica, Unite;
- Tony Wilson, Managing Director, Abellio; and
- Tom Kearney, Founder, #LondonBusWatch, Transparency & Corporate Governance Campaign.

9.5 A transcript of the discussion on tram safety is attached at **Appendix 2**.

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9.6 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following further information in writing:

- Safety Performance Indicator data for the bus network over the preceding 12 months;
- What work has been done by TfL to assess whether bus driver toilets being added to those 42 bus routes that did not previously had one, could be made available to members of the public who were disabled;
- A list of areas identified for improvement in accident reporting; and
- Progress made towards increasing the remit of the Victims' Commissioner to include victims of road crimes and collisions.

9.7 **Resolved:**

That the report and discussion be noted.

10 Transport Committee Work Programme (Item 10)

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

10.2 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the work programme for 2019/20 Assembly year as set out in the report; be agreed; and**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, to agree the scope and terms of reference for an investigation into London's transport now and in the future.**

11 Date of Next Meeting (Item 11)

11.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, 10 July 2019 at 10.00am, in the Chamber, City Hall.

12 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 12)

12.1 There was no other business.

13 Close of Meeting

13.1 The meeting ended at 1.10pm.

Chair

Date

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