

MINUTES

Meeting: Transport Committee
Date: Monday 15 June 2020
Time: 2.00 pm
Place: Virtual Meeting

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Present:

Dr Alison Moore AM (Chair)
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Deputy Chair)
Shaun Bailey AM
Tony Devenish AM
Florence Eshalomi AM MP
David Kurten AM
Joanne McCartney AM
Keith Prince AM
Caroline Russell AM
Navin Shah AM

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

- 1.1 The Chair explained that, in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, the meeting was being held virtually with Assembly Members and guests participating remotely.
- 1.2 The Clerk read the roll-call of Assembly Members who were participating remotely. There were no apologies for absence.

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 Committee (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

That the membership and chairing arrangements for the Committee, which were agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 15 May 2020 be noted:

**Dr Alison Moore AM (Chair)
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM (Deputy Chair)
Shaun Bailey AM
Tony Devenish AM
Florence Eshalomi AM MP
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 following terms of reference, which were agreed by the London Assembly at its Annual Meeting on 15 May 2020, be noted:

- 1. To examine and report on matters in relation to transport in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Transport Strategy.**
- 2. To discharge the responsibilities and functions of the Assembly in respect of the London Transport Users' Committee (LTUC) under the GLA Act 1999, in particular sections 247 – 252 and Schedules 18 and 19, including oversight of its work and recommendation to the Assembly of its annual budget.**

**Lead responsibility for scrutiny of:
Transport for London**

5 Standing Delegations (Item 5)

5.1 Resolved:

That the following standing delegations of authority to the Chair of the Committee be noted:

- (a) 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;**
- (b) At its meeting on 6 June 2019, the Assembly agreed to delegate authority to Chairs of ordinary committees, sub-committees and working groups to agree, in consultation with relevant party Lead Group Members and Deputy Chairs:**
 - (i) The detailed terms of reference for any investigation to be undertaken by the relevant committee, sub-committee or working group within its work programme as agreed by the GLA Oversight Committee, and any related project plans and arrangements for related site visits or informal meetings;**
 - (ii) The topic and scope for any additional projects to be added to its work programme, where it is not practicable to secure prior approval from the GLA Oversight Committee and subject also to subsequent ratification by the GLA Oversight Committee;**
- (c) At its meeting on 21 July 2005, the Transport Committee resolved to delegate authority to 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 (LTUC) under the GLA Act 1999;**
- (d) At its meeting on 9 June 2005, the Transport Committee resolved that 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."]
- (e) At its meeting 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.**

6 Minutes (Item 6)

6.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Transport Committee held on 12 March 2020 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, closed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee, additional correspondence received from the Mayor of London, and correspondence sent by the Chair, 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 The Chair noted that, since the publication of the Committee's agenda, the Committee had written to the incoming Transport Commissioner, Andy Byford, to welcome him to his new role. The Committee was also finalising its report on Tram and Bus Safety.

8.3 Resolved:

(a) That the action taken by the Chair under delegated authority be noted, namely to agree:

- (i) A letter to the Secretary of State for Transport on steady and sustainable funding for Transport for London;**
- (ii) The Committee's report From Step-Free to Stress-Free; Accessible and Inclusive Transport in London;**
- (iii) The Committee's response to the Department for Transport's Future of Transport Regulatory Review consultation;**
- (iv) The Committee's response to the House of Commons Transport Select Committee consultation on e-scooters; and**

(b) That the letter, the report and consultation responses attached at Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively, be noted.

9 Q&A Session - COVID-19 and London's Transport Network (Item 9)

9.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on COVID-19 and London's Transport Network to the following invited guests:

- Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor for Transport;
- Simon Kilonback, Chief Finance Officer, Transport for London (TfL);
- Andy Lord, Managing Director, London Underground, TfL;
- Gareth Powell, Managing Director, Surface Transport, TfL;
- Vernon Everitt, Managing Director, Customers, Communications & Technology, TfL;
and
- Stuart Harvey, Director of Major Projects, TfL.

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

9.3 During the course of the discussion, the Committee requested the following additional information from TfL officers:

- Details of the methodology and scenarios underpinning TfL's budget proposals for the second half of 2020-21;
- An overview of all TfL's capital projects including any revised completion dates, and the financial impact of stopping or starting any such projects, once that information can be made available at the end of July; and
- Further details on proposed new designs for fastenings in the Pimlico area and proposals to install such measures.

9.4 The Deputy Mayor also agreed to undertake the following:

- Subject to agreement by Government, to share with the Committee the minutes of the London COVID-19 Transport Task Force and sub group;
- To clarify whether the suspension of concessionary travel would be for a limited period, as indicated in briefings; and
- To consider what additional measures could be taken within the emergency budget with regards to toilet provisions at stations and hand washing facilities.

9.5 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and discussion be noted; and**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, to agree any output from the meeting.**

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 as agreed under delegated authority by the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee in May 2020, as set out in the report, be noted; and**
- (b) **That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, to agree a response to the Network Rail Consultation *Unblocking the Croydon Bottleneck*.**

11 Date of Next Meeting (Item 11)

11.1 The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled for Wednesday 22 July 2020 at 11.00am as a virtual meeting.

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 4.30pm.

Chair

Date

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