

MAYOR OF LONDON

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Chair, Budget and Performance Committee
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Dear John

Thank you for your letter of 14 March enclosing the Budget and Performance Committee's report on its investigation into Transport for London's (TfL) management of its Automatic Train Control (ATC) contract with Bombardier Transportation.

I am pleased that the Committee acknowledges that TfL has been proactive in responding to the issues raised and has made the necessary procedural changes. TfL is already implementing the recommendations from Deloitte's 2015 independent review of its Board to ensure it has the breadth of skills and experience needed to oversee its complex operational and investment activity. I understand the Greater London Authority will use an executive search firm to support appointments to the new Board following the Mayoral and Assembly elections. Additionally, proposals for role profiles for all Board positions, the future decision-making structure, induction and briefing arrangements are being prepared. Deloitte's report is available from TfL's website at: <http://content.tfl.gov.uk/board-20151217-pt1-item13-effectiveness-review.pdf>.

As noted, the two recommendations in your report will be for the new Mayor to determine. I note though that IIPAG has played a pivotal role in overseeing the re-letting of the ATC contract to ensure that Londoners are now getting the best possible deal under the new contract.

Thank you again for writing to me.

Yours ever,



Boris Johnson
Mayor of London

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