

# Leaders' Committee

## Report from the TEC Executive Sub Committee – 21 July 2016

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**Summary:** Summary of the minutes of the London Councils' TEC Executive Sub Committee held on 21 July 2016

**Recommendations:** For information.

**1. Attendance:** Cllr Julian Bell (LB Ealing – Chair), Cllr Daniel Anderson (LB Enfield), Cllr Feryal Demirci (LB Hackney), Cllr Tim Coleridge (RB Kensington & Chelsea), Cllr Alan Smith (LB Lewisham), Cllr Jill Whitehead, Cllr Caroline Usher (LB Wandsworth). Cllr Heather Acton (City of Westminster), and Christopher Hayward (City of London). Others Present: Val Shawcross, Deputy Mayor for Transport and Cllr Ian Wingfield (LB Southwark)

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Phil Doyle (RB Kingston-upon-Thames), who had replaced Cllr Alex Sawyer (LB Bexley) as a Conservative member on the TEC Executive Sub Committee.

**3. Talk by Val Shawcross, Deputy Mayor for Transport**

Val Shawcross, Deputy Mayor for Transport, made some of the following comments: (a) the Mayor was looking forward to working closely with London Councils, (b) Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) was being developed and would start in 2017, (c) there were three key themes to the Mayor's vision for transport – delivering a good public transport system, delivering pleasant places (public realm) and supporting the economy, homes and jobs, (d) agreed that the Local Implementation Plan (LIP funding scheme would be rolled over for the coming year, (e) continuing to fund cycling and (f) looking at the devolution of some rail services.

A "Q and A" session then took place, where members outlined various concerns that they had, including the Silvertown Tunnel, Crossrail 2, poor air quality in London, Cycle Superhighways and the safety of cyclists and pedestrians and the continuing problems customers were experiencing with Southern Rail.

**.4. Borough Transport Funding**

The TEC Executive Sub Committee considered and noted a report that provided members with background information on Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding and engagement London Councils had undertaken with TfL on the development of a new Mayor's Transport Strategy and LIP implementation funding.

**5. Reducing Air Pollution in London**

The TEC Executive Sub Committee received a report that informed members of the large scale public consultation that the Mayor of London had launched, on measures to tackle air pollution in London, and

the associated public health and inequality impacts. The consultation had been split into three stages, with the first stage launched on 5th July and running to the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

Val Shawcross informed members that this was the Mayor's number one priority. TfL would be cleaning-up the bus fleet. Polluting buses would be replaced with hybrids, along with 300 single decker electric buses being rolled out. Issues regarding the north and south circulars were also being looked into. Entry standards were being raised for mini cabs from autumn 2016.

The TEC Executive Sub Committee; **(i)** agreed that the Chair and vice chairs of TEC would sign off the first phase of the consultation on air quality at Appendix 1 of the report; and **(ii)** agreed that officers would email boroughs to encourage them to make their submissions.

## **6. Social Needs Transport Progress Report**

The TEC Executive Sub Committee received a report that provided members with an update on the progress with TfL's Social Needs Transport Review and implications for the Taxicard scheme.

The TEC Executive Sub Committee: **(i)** agreed that officers would ask TfL to agree to extend the Taxicard contract by one more year and to agree to this funding, **(ii)** noted the update on the progress with TfL Social Needs Transport Roadmap to integrate and improve social needs transport for elderly and/or mobility impaired Londoners, and **(iii)** agreed that a further report would go to the full TEC meeting on 13 October 2016, once proposals had been developed further.

## **7. Green Infrastructure Partnerships**

The TEC Executive Sub Committee considered a report that provided members with the recommendation made as part of the Mayor's Green Infrastructure Taskforce that affected boroughs and TEC, and set out suggestions on how they could be achieved.

The TEC Executive Sub Committee: **(i)** agreed to lobby on the new London Plan for locally set planning fees, and **(ii)** agreed to survey boroughs and ask the GLA for an annual assessment of green infrastructure.

## **8. Defra Litter Strategy Update**

Katharina Winbeck gave a verbal update on the Defra Litter Strategy.

The TEC Executive Sub Committee: **(i)** noted Councillor Clyde Loakes had agreed to represent London Councils on this litter steering group (an appropriate officer or Councillor Jennifer Brathwaite to provide back-up), and **(ii)** officers to look into the possibility of sharing and best practice

## **9. Transport and Mobility Services Performance Information**

The TEC Executive Sub Committee received a report that provided members with the London Councils' Transport and Mobility Services performance information for Quarter 4 2015/16 and Quarter 1 2016/17.

The TEC Executive Sub Committee: **(i)** noted that the spike in Taxicard overspend would continue to be monitored, **(ii)** noted that a more detailed breaking down of the data on the London Lorry Control Scheme would be available from October 2016. Officers would look at how to represent this data to TEC in the future, and **(iii)** noted the performance information report.

## **10. Road User Charging Appeals (RUCA) – Potential Continuation of Service**

The TEC Executive Sub Committee received a report that explained to members the re-tender process for the Road User Charging Appeals (RUCA) service that London Councils operated under contract with TfL. The current contract will end on 31 December 2016 and TfL has commenced a competitive re-tender exercise.

The TEC Executive Sub Committee: **(i)** noted the re-tender process and programme for the RUCA service and agreed to submit a bid proposal to continue to provide the service on a full cost recovery basis under a new contract with the GLA, and **(ii)** agreed to grant delegated authority to London Councils' Chief Executive, John O'Brien, to sign the contract to undertake these services, should London Councils win the tendering exercise

**11. Transport & Environment Committee Pre-Audited Financial Results 2015/16**

The TEC Executive Sub Committee received a report that detailed the provisional pre-audited final accounts for the Transport and Environment Committee for 2015/16.

The TEC Executive Sub Committee: **(i)** agreed to defer a decision regarding the provisional general reserves that exceeded the 10% to 15% yardstick until the budget setting process for 2017/18 in November 2016. A decision could then be made on whether to repatriate funds to boroughs or to transfer further funds to the specific reserve to fund the 2020 Freedom Pass reissue, and **(ii)** noted the provisional pre-audited final accounts for 2015/16, which showed an indicative surplus of £1.03 million for the year.

**12. Minutes of the TEC AGM held on 16 June 2016 (for noting)**

The minutes of the TEC AGM held on 16 June 2016 were noted.

**13. Minutes of the TEC Executive Sub Committee held on 11 February 2016 (for agreeing)**

The minutes of the TEC Executive Sub Committee held on 11 February 2016 were agreed.

*The Chair asked any members of the public if they could leave the room in order for the Exempt part of the agenda to be considered.*

The meeting finished at 11.55am.