

London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee

Appointment of the Executive Sub Committee for 2015/16

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Summary: This report sets out the arrangements for the Executive Sub-Committee.

Recommendations: The Committee is asked to:

- Elect eleven members to serve on the Executive Sub-Committee for the municipal year for 2015/16 on the basis set out in the report, and the Independent from the City of London; and
- Note the procedure for taking urgent decisions as set out in paragraphs 7 to 9.

Background

1. This Committee on 13 October 2000 considered a report which set out the relationship between itself and the Executive Sub Committee.
2. The Committee agreed that all the executive functions of TEC should be delegated to the Executive Sub Committee with the exception of the following:
 - election of committee officers;
 - election of members of the sub committee;
 - agreement of budget;
 - agreement of work programme;
 - agreement of annual report;
 - appointment of adjudicators;
 - agreement of parking penalties;
 - agreement to major changes in policy for the lorry ban;
 - agreement to the annual concessionary fares scheme;
 - agreement of the draft annual policy statement for agreement with the London Councils' Leaders' Committee; and

- consideration and agreement of major transport and environmental policy issues.
3. This delegation was agreed on the basis that a committee of 34 members would find it difficult to meet sufficiently frequently to take decisions on the more executive and detailed issues that require member level decisions. The arrangement has worked well over the last twelve years and members are recommended to continue this arrangement.
 4. The TEC Main Committee as a whole, will continue the role of considering and, where necessary, confirming the actions of the Sub Committee through consideration of the minutes of the Sub Committee and calling for other actions and reports as members. All members of the Main Committee will receive the Sub Committee's agenda and will be welcome to attend the Sub Committee's meetings.

Composition of the TEC Executive Sub Committee

5. Under statute the composition of the Sub Committee must reflect the political balance of members of the Main Committee. The Executive Sub Committee has hitherto been made up eleven members with the representative of the City of London specifically invited to attend meetings.
6. On the basis of the London Councils' approach to proportionality (the d'Hondt formula) this would give the Labour Group 7 members and the Conservative Group 4 members and one representative from the City of London, after the 2014 local elections. However, in the spirit of cross party working, members may like to consider, as in previous years, that representation on the TEC Executive Sub Committee would be as follows: Labour Group 6, Conservative Group 4 and the Liberal Dem Group 1. In addition, the City of London's representative has been invited to attend meetings of the TEC Executive Sub Committee.

Last Year's Composition was as follows:

Cllr Chris Bond	LB Enfield	Labour
Cllr Feryal Demirci	LB Hackney	Labour
Cllr Julian Bell (Chair)	LB Ealing	Labour
Cllr Claudia Webbe	LB Islington	Labour
Cllr Alan Smith	LB Lewisham	Labour
Cllr Mark Williams	LB Southwark	Labour
Cllr Don Massey	LB Bexley	Conservative
Cllr Tim Coleridge	RB Kensington & Chelsea	Conservative

Cllr Colin Smith	LB Bromley	Conservative
Cllr Caroline Usher	LB Wandsworth	Conservative
Cllr Colin Hall	LB Sutton	Liberal Democrat
Michael Welbank	City of London	Independent

Procedure for Taking Urgent Decisions

7. The London Councils' Standing Orders allow for urgent matters that cannot wait until the next full TEC meeting to be decided by the Committee's elected officers. The Chair of the Committee and Group Leaders are the Committee's elected officers.
8. If at least two of the Elected Officers agree with the relevant London Councils' Corporate Director, that the matter in question is urgent and agree on the Corporate Director's recommendation, then the decision shall be taken by the Corporate Director in accordance with such recommendation, subject to the decision being recorded in writing and signed by the elected officers agreeing the recommendation and the Corporate Director.
9. The Elected Officers and the Corporate Director may nominate persons to act in their absence for the purpose of this Standing Order. Any urgent decisions taken under this procedure will be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

Equalities Considerations

10. There are no specific implications for equalities arising from this report.

Financial Considerations

11. There are no specific financial considerations arising from this report.

Background Papers

Short Title of Document	Date	File Location	Contact Officer	Exempt Info Para under Schedule 12A
ALG Standing Orders	Dec 2001	ALG Offices, Southwark St	Alan Edwards	N/A
TEC Committee Report	Oct 2000	ALG Offices	Alan Edwards	N/A