

Leaders' Committee

Report from the Transport & Environment Committee – 18 June 2015

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Summary: Summary of the minutes of the London Councils' Transport & Environment Committee held on 18 June 2015

Recommendations: For information.

1. Attendance: Cllr Lynda Rice (LB Barking & Dagenham, Deputy), Cllr Dean Cohen (LB Barnet), Cllr Alex Sawyer (LB Bexley), Cllr Kathy Bee (LB Croydon), Cllr Julian Bell (LB Ealing, Chair), Cllr Daniel Anderson (LB Enfield), Cllr Feryal Demirci (LB Hackney), Cllr Wesley Harcourt (LB Hammersmith & Fulham), Cllr Claudia Webbe (LB Islington), Cllr Tim Coleridge (RB Kensington & Chelsea), Cllr David Cunningham (RB Kingston-upon-Thames), Cllr Jenny Braithwaite (LB Lambeth), Cllr Alan Smith (LB Lewisham), Cllr Nick Draper (LB Newham), Cllr Stephen Speak (LB Richmond-upon-Thames), Cllr Darren Merrill (LB Southwark), Cllr Jill Whitehead (LB Sutton, Deputy), Cllr Clyde Loakes (LB Waltham Forest), Cllr Kim Caddy (LB Wandsworth - Deputy), Cllr Robert Rigby (City of Westminster), Michael Welbank (City of London) and Alex Williams (Transport for London, Deputy).

2. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Colin Smith (LB Bromley), Cllr Phil Jones (LB Camden), Cllr Joanna Christophides (LB Haringey), Cllr Robert Benham (LB Havering), Cllr Keith Burrows (LB Hillingdon), Cllr Amritt Mann (LB Hounslow), Cllr Ian Corbett (LB Newham), Cllr Caroline Usher (LB Wandsworth), Cllr Heather Acton (City of Westminster) and Michael Welbank (City of London)

3. Election of Chair

Councillor Julian Bell was nominated to be the Chair of TEC for 2015/16

4. Election of Vice Chairs of TEC

Councillor Feryal Demirci (LB Hackney) was elected to be the Labour Vice Chair of TEC. Councillor Tim Coleridge (RB Kensington and Chelsea) was elected to be the Conservative Vice Chair of TEC. Councillor Jill Whitehead (LB Sutton) was nominated to be the Liberal Democrat Vice Chair of TEC.

5. Membership of the London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee for 2015/16

The Committee noted the membership of TEC for 2015/16

6. Appointment of the TEC Executive Sub Committee for 2015/16

The Committee elected the following members to the TEC Executive Sub Committee for 2015/16:

Labour

Cllr Julian Bell (LB Ealing – Chair)
Cllr Feryal Demirci (LB Hackney)
Cllr Daniel Anderson (LB Enfield)

Cllr Darren Merrill (LB Southwark)
Cllr Claudia Webbe (LB Islington)
Cllr Alan Smith (LB Lewisham)

Conservative

Cllr Tim Coleridge (RB Kensington & Chelsea)
Cllr Caroline Usher (LB Wandsworth)
Cllr Alex Sawyer (LB Bexley)
Cllr Heather Acton (City of Westminster)

Liberal Democrat

Cllr Jill Whitehead (LB Sutton)

City of London

Michael Welbank

7. Nominations to TEC Outside Bodies and Appointment of Committee Advisers for 2015/16

The Committee nominated the following members to the outside bodies for 2015/16:

Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee (HACC)

Cllr Darren Merrill (LB Southwark)

Post Meeting Note: Deputy - Cllr Tim Coleridge (RB Kensington & Chelsea)

Thames Regional Flood & Coastal Committee (RFCC)

West – Cllr Dean Cohen (LB Barnet)

South West – Cllr Nick Draper (LB Merton)

South East – Cllr Alan Smith (LB Lewisham)

North East – Cllr Lynda Rice (LB Barking & Dagenham)

Central North – Cllr Tim Coleridge (RB Kensington & Chelsea)

Central South – Cllr Darren Merrill (LB Southwark)

North – New Labour member now needed

London Sustainable Development Commission

Cllr Claudia Webbe (LB Islington)

London Electric Vehicle Partnership (LEVP)

Cllr Alan Smith (LB Lewisham)

Cllr Nick Draper (LB Merton)

Cllr Heather Acton (City of Westminster)

Urban Design London (UDL)

Cllr Daniel Moylan (RB Kensington & Chelsea)

Cllr Nigel Haselden (LB Lambeth)

London Waterways Commission

Cllr Nick Draper (LB Merton)

Cllr Lynda Rice (LB Barking & Dagenham)

Conservative nomination to be confirmed

Thames River Basin District Liaison Panel (Thames LP)

Cllr Danny Thorpe (LB Greenwich)

London City Airport Consultative Committee (LCACC)

Cllr Osman Dervish (LB Havering)

London Cycling Campaign (LCC)

Cllr Feryal Demirci (LB Hackney)

Appointment of Committee Advisers

It was noted that Debbie Stokes no longer worked for LB Waltham Forest and needed to be removed from the Committee advisers list.

The Committee: **(i)** agreed to pass the above names on to the Chief Executive of London Councils, for appointment to outside bodies, **(ii)** agreed to appoint the advisers to the Committee, as listed in the report, and **(iii)** agreed to remove Debbie Stokes (LB Waltham Forest) from the TEC Committee advisers list.

8. Constitutional Matters

The Committee noted the changes to London Councils constitutional matters

9. London Local Air Quality Management Consultation – Overview of Proposals

Patrick Feehily (Assistant Director – Environment, GLA) and Elliot Treharne (GLA) gave a presentation to the Committee on London Local Air Quality Management (LLAQM).

The following comments were made:

- The GLA is working with borough officers on proposals for a bespoke Air Quality Management system for London
- Patrick Feehily and Elliot Treharne will be visiting boroughs individually so that everyone gets an opportunity to input to the proposals
- The Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) system is a statutory process and Defra is currently reviewing this nationally
- There were five main objectives: (1) put in place a statutory LAQM system, (2) ensure that borough air quality resource is protected, (3) focus on action, rather than reporting, (4) ensure borough action complements London-wide efforts on schools, planning, public health etc, and (5) ensure a co-ordinated, effective and consistent approach to maximise reductions in air pollution

A “Q and A” session then took place.

10. Presentation on Solar Panels in Schools

Quentin Given (Major Campaigns Co-ordinator, Friends of the Earth) gave a presentation on how local authorities could help schools run on sun. The following comments were made:

- There were opportunities to use solar in London to help save money and cut carbon emissions
- London was currently missing out on using solar, compared to the rest of the South East
- Schools were good places to go solar and to convey the message to children
- Up to £20million a year could be saved collectively, if every school in London went solar. Some boroughs could save between £100,000 to £500,000 per year
- Boroughs could look at the scope to fit solar in their schools and other buildings and to get costings/potential savings on this in order to argue the business case for doing it

A “Q and A” session then took place.

11. Chair’s Report

The Committee received and noted a report that updated members on transport and environment policy since the last TEC meeting on 19 March 2015 and provided a forward look until the next TEC meeting on 15 October 2015.

12. Flooding Sub-Regional Partnerships 6-Monthly Progress Report

The Committee received and noted a 6-monthly report on the work of the seven sub-regional flood partnerships, the Thames Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (TRFCC) and the Environment Agency (EA). It was agreed that TEC would receive 6-monthly updates on a regular basis.

13. Setting PCN Levels for the City of Westminster’s Byelaws

The Committee considered a report that set out the results of the public consultation into setting a fixed penalty notice (FPN) level for three of the City Of Westminster’s byelaws: “noise in streets and other public places”, “urinating etc”, and “feeding of birds prohibited”. The report asked members to set FPN levels for breaching these byelaws.

The Committee: **(i)** noted the consultation outcome, **(ii)** agreed an FPN level of £80 for breaches to the City of Westminster byelaws on “noise in streets and other public places”, “urinating”, and “feeding of birds prohibited”, and **(iii)** agreed to set the level of reduction at £50 if the fixed penalty was paid within 14 days from the date of notice.

14. Setting PCN Levels for Waste Receptacle Offences – Deregulation Act 2015

The Committee received a report that specified the maximum level of penalty that could be set for the enforcement of the waste receptacle offences under the London Local Authorities Act and changed by the Deregulation Act 2015.

The Committee: **(i)** agreed a PCN level of £80, which was the maximum permitted, and **(ii)** Agreed an early payment reduction to £48, if paid within 14 days.

15. Construction Work and Damage to Highways

The Committee considered a report that summarised a number of potential solutions that had been identified for boroughs to address the issues raised in recovering expenses incurred by damage to highways (including both roads and footpaths), due to building work. The report also sought the views of TEC members on the possible next steps.

The Committee: **(i)** agreed that Katharina Winbeck would check and report back on whether Section 278 of the Highways Act (1980) applied to all planning applications, **(ii)** agreed that Cllr Coleridge would ask officers at the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea to write a short paper on construction work and damage to highways and share this best practice with TEC, and **(iii)** noted that London Councils officers would pursue legislative changes when opportunities to that effect arose (eg when wider changes to the planning system were proposed).

16. Freight Strategy Update

The Committee received a report that had been prepared by Transport for London (TfL) for TEC, to provide a high level update on strategic approach to freight.

The Committee: **(i)** Noted TfL’s approach to developing a new freight strategy for London; our engagement with businesses, operators and local authorities; and the progress to date in defining our strategic approach and aims, **(ii)** endorsed the establishment of a borough officer freight working group and acknowledged that this would be reviewing existing controls, including the London Lorry Control Scheme (LLCS), and **(iii)** noted the key elements of TfL’s current programme of work with boroughs described in Appendix 1 of the report.

17. Freedom Pass 2015 Reissue Progress Report

The Committee received a report that provided members with an update on the progress of the renewal of approximately 970,000 which expired on 31 March 2015, the development of a new first time application process, and a review of the policy on charging for replacement passes.

The Committee: **(i)** noted the outcome of the Freedom Pass 2015 reissue, **(ii)** noted the establishment of the new procedures for first time Freedom Pass applicants, and **(iii)** noted that the policy on charging for replacement passes had been revised to make express mention that discretion to waive the administrative charges might be exercised in appropriate circumstances, and that policy would be kept under review.

18. Changes to the Parking and Traffic Appeals Service (PATAS)

The Committee received a report that outlined the sufficient changes that were being made to the Parking and Traffic Appeals Service (PATAS), including renaming, relocation, a new service provider and the introduction of new systems and processes that would deliver significant improvements and efficiencies.

The Committee noted the update on the changes to PATAS, as set out in the report, and ensured that their own authorities were aware and prepared for the changes.

19. London Borough of Bexley Approval to Commence Moving Traffic Enforcement

The Committee received a report that sought member approval for the London Borough of Bexley to commence enforcement of moving traffic contraventions under the London Local Authorities Act and TfL Act 2003

The Committee agreed that permission be given to the London Borough of Bexley to enforce moving traffic contraventions using CCTV.

20. Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) Delivery Plan

The Committee considered and noted a report from TfL on the new Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) Delivery Plan that was being published by TfL in July 2015. The Delivery Plan had been produced in consultation with the ULEV industry and the boroughs.

21. Code of Practice for the Attachment of Street Lighting and Traffic Signs to Buildings

The Committee received a report that sought member approval to publish a Code of Practice on the attachment of street lights and traffic signs to buildings. The Code of Practice would allow London Local Authorities (LLA) and TfL to adopt new powers under the LLA and TfL Act 2013.

The Committee noted and approved the contents of the Code of Practice for publication.

22. London Councils' Officer Responses to the Government Call for Evidence on Parking Reforms

The Committee received a report that advised members of the London Councils' officer response to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) discussion paper and call for evidence titled "Parking Reform, Tackling Unfair Practices". The Committee endorsed the London Councils' officer response.

23. Items Considered by the TEC Elected Officers under the Urgency Procedure

The Committee received a report that was sent to TEC Elected Officers under the London Councils' Urgency Procedure on the proposals to rebrand the Parking and Traffic Appeals Service (PATAS).

The Committee noted the report (below) that was sent to TEC Elected Officers on 15 April 2015 under the TEC Urgency Procedure:

"Proposal to Rebrand the Parking and Traffic Appeals Service (PATAS)"

24. TEC committee Dates 2015/16

The Committee received and agreed a report that notified members of the proposed TEC and TEC Executive Sub Committee dates for 2015/16.

25. Minutes of the TEC Main Meeting held on 19 March 2015

The minutes of the TEC Main meeting held on 19 March 2015 were agreed as an accurate record

The meeting finished at 16.27pm