

# London Councils' TEC Executive Sub Committee

**Thursday 15 November 2018**

**Supplementary Agenda**

10:00am in Meeting Room 1, London Councils, 59½ Southwark Street, London SE1 0AL

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## Draft consultation response to Transport for London's Central London Bus Service Review

Item no: 04

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### Summary

Transport for London is conducting a review into the Central London Bus Service. London Councils plans on providing a submission on the proposals made as part of this review and members are asked to discuss and agree the draft consultation response, at Appendix A.

### Recommendations

- Discuss and agree the proposed London Councils response to TfL's Central London Bus Review at Appendix A.

## Overview

1. In October 2018 Transport for London (TfL) launched a consultation into central London Bus Services.
2. TfL state that there has been a reduction in demand for buses in central London and that there is a need to re-shape the bus network to ensure resources are being used effectively, that bus capacity matches demand, and to limit the bus network's impact on congestion.
3. The review makes a number of proposals to 34 routes:

	Bus route changes
Frequency reduction	53*, 59*, 149**, 205*, N205*, 242*, 388*, 476*
Frequency increase	26, 35, 46, 149**, 242**
Curtailment (shortening of a route)	3, 11, 14, 19, 45, 53*, 59*, 67, 134, 171, 172, 388*, 476*
Route restructuring	4, 9, N9, 22, 40, 55, 76, 100, 205*, N205*, 242**, 341, 343
Withdrawal of service	48, 271 (night service), RV1
New route	311 (new route)
Total	Note some routes appear twice above – there are 34 individual routes affected

\* Some routes appear in multiple categories

\*\* Routes 149 & 242 have reductions and increases in frequency

## London Councils' draft consultation response to TfL's review of central London bus services

4. In the response we highlight a number of points, including:
  - i) The need for better engagement with boroughs on bus service planning;
  - ii) Needing more of the data and information that lies behind the proposals to make informed decisions;
  - iii) More clarity required on how this review affects some of the MTS outcomes, such as air quality and the 80 per cent mode share target;
  - iv) Some journeys are being re-routed and/or cut-short to avoid congestion in central London – but there is not enough clarity over the impact this will have on the need for new and improved infrastructure, e.g. improved walking links between different bus stops (and the length between them) and also more shelters etc;
  - v) The proposals could increase the dislocation of south and south east London from central London. A number of routes are being shortened, now ending before central London. This will mean that there is an increased need to interchange from south London routes to get into the centre.
5. The attached Appendix (A) outlines the response to the TfL consultation into central London Bus Services in detail. The deadline for submission is 9 November 2018, but TfL has granted London Councils an extension to enable discussion at this meeting.

**Recommendations**      Discuss and agree the proposed London Councils' response to TfL's review of central London bus services at Appendix A.

**Financial Implications**

6. There are no financial implications to London Councils arising from this report.

**Legal Implications**

7. There are no legal implications to London Councils arising from this report.

**Equalities Implications**

8. There are no equalities implications to London Councils arising from this report.