Transport for London

Minutes of the Meeting

Committee Rooms 4-5, City Hall, The Queen’s Walk, London
10.00am, Wednesday 29 July 2009

Members
Boris Johnson Chairman
Daniel Moylan Deputy Chairman
Christopher Garnett Deputy Chairman
Peter Anderson Member
Charles Belcher Member
Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson Member
Sir Mike Hodgkinson Member
Eva Lindholm Member
Steven Norris Member
Patrick O’Keeffe Member
Steve Wright Member
Tony West Member

Staff
Steve Allen Managing Director, Finance
David Brown Managing Director, Surface Transport
Ian Brown Managing Director, London Rail
Howard Carter General Counsel
Stephen Critchley Chief Finance Officer
Richard De Cani Director of Strategy and Policy
Mary Hardy Director of Internal Audit
Peter Hendy Commissioner
Rob Holden Chief Executive, Crossrail
Ellen Howard Director of Corporate Governance
Richard Parry Interim Managing Director, London Underground
Stuart Ross Director of News

45/07/09 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Claudia Arney, Judith Hunt, Bob Oddy, Kulveer Ranger and Keith Williams and Michèle Dix and Vernon Everitt.

Daniel Moylan declared an interest as Deputy Leader of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, a director of the London Transport Museum and Chair of Urban Design London, Christopher Garnett as a member of the Olympic Delivery Authority, Sir Mike Hodgkinson as a non-executive director of Crossrail Ltd, Steve Wright on matters relating to private hire vehicles and Peter Anderson as a director of the Canary Wharf Group.
46/07/09 Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 June 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2009 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

47/07/09 Matters Arising and Actions List

The Actions List was noted.

48/07/09 The Commissioner’s Report

The Commissioner introduced his report which provided an overview of major issues and developments since the last meeting on 24 June and updated Members on significant projects and initiatives.

He advised that the first new train on the Victoria line had recently come into service. In addition, the first new train on the London Overground network was recently unveiled by the Mayor.

The application was submitted to the Secretary of State on 28 July 2009 for the proposed London Permit Scheme. This Scheme, once in place, will help reduce the disruption caused by road and street works. The Mayor is also writing to the Secretary of State to request that penalties are increased for statutory undertakers who do not complete works in accordance with the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 and that steps are taken to ensure magistrates impose the maximum fines currently available under the legislation.

The Commissioner advised that the Mayor had recently held a high level summit of agencies in London to discuss measures taken in relation to the swine flu epidemic. Preparations have been continuous within TfL since last autumn and the expectation is that services will continue normally.

The Commissioner also advised Members that on 25 July articulated buses were replaced with single deck buses on route 507 and these were operating satisfactorily.

Daniel Moylan, the Deputy Chairman, welcomed the removal of guardrail on Tottenham High Road but asked whether the replacement bike racks needed to have fluorescent markings. This would be investigated. [ACTION: David Brown]

The report was noted.

49/07/09 Independent Strategic Review of Bus Services in London

David Brown introduced the report which had been prepared in response to the Mayor’s commitment to commission a review of London’s bus service, as approved at the meeting in November 2008. The report has also been considered by the Surface Transport Panel at its meeting held on 3 July 2009 and by the Finance Committee at its meeting held on 15 July 2009.
The review, carried out by KPMG, looked at bus contracting, network development and value for money. Consideration of how the recommendations will be implemented will be given at a future meeting of the Surface Transport Panel.

The Mayor congratulated TfL on its achievements in relation to bus services which were reported positively in the Review.

The report was noted.

50/07/09 Community Safety Plan for Transport and Travelling in London 2009/10

David Brown introduced the report presenting TfL’s Community Safety Plan for Transport and Travelling in London 2009/10 and to request approval for publication of the report. The Plan was considered by the Safety, Health and Environment Committee at its meeting held on 22 July 2009.

This Plan, prepared in partnership with the Metropolitan Police, British Transport Police and the City of London Police sets out TfL’s commitment to making all journeys in London safer and feel safer. The Plan builds on the successes of the last 12 months, with crime on the bus and Underground/DLR networks at the lowest level since recording began in 2004/05.

The Board:

1 approved the Community Safety Plan for Transport and Travelling in London 2009/10; and

2 delegated authority to the Managing Director, Surface Transport, to finalise the Plan and make any further design or editorial changes to the Plan as may be required.

51/07/09 TfL Group Annual Health and Safety Report

Howard Carter updated Members on the Health and Safety performance of the TfL Group during 2008/09. The report was also considered by the Safety, Health and Environment Committee at its meeting held on 22 July 2009.

The Report addresses the health and safety of employees and the safety of customers across all modes and progress towards London’s 2010 road safety targets. It indicated a substantial commitment to health and safety throughout TfL and a good and improving performance.

A report would be given to a future meeting of the Safety, Health and Environment Assurance Committee about the work TfL was undertaking with children to reduce the number of road casualties. [ACTION: David Brown/Secretariat]

The report was noted.
52/07/09    Report from the Meeting of the Finance Committee – 15 July 2009

The Deputy Chairman, Daniel Moylan gave an update to the Board on the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 15 July 2009.

The report was noted.

53/07/09    Report from the Meeting of the Safety, Health and Environment Committee – 22 July 2009

The Deputy Chairman, Christopher Garnett gave an update to the Board on the meeting of the Safety, Health and Environment Committee held on 22 July 2009.

The report was noted.

54/07/09    Any Other Business

The Mayor asked for information in relation to the process for changing the names of Underground stations recognising that LUL received a large number of requests and any changes were often controversial and costly.  [ACTION: Richard Parry]

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.00am. The next scheduled meeting would be held on Wednesday 21 October 2009 at 10.00am.

Chair: ________________________________

Date: ________________________________