

**TRANSPORT FOR LONDON**

**SURFACE TRANSPORT PANEL**

**SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT BUS REVIEW**

**DATE: 24 FEBRUARY 2009**

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**1 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 A review of the bus network is due to be undertaken at the request of the TfL Board. The scope of this review was agreed at the Board meeting in November and can be summarised as follows:
- (a) First, the review will look at how the bus network is planned and developed. This will include how well the decision making process addresses the objectives of stakeholders and how effective the planning process is in delivering passenger aspirations and value for money.
  - (b) Secondly, the review will consider the contracting system to assess whether changes could be made which would deliver better efficiency or lower costs.
  - (c) The review will also seek to assess the performance of London's bus network against other systems, both nationally and internationally, in relation to areas such as service levels, subsidy, fares and passenger usage.

**2 CURRENT POSITION**

- 2.1 Bids to carry out the work have now been received from seven companies. TfL have shortlisted four.
- 2.2 These four bidders will present their proposals to Steve Norris, David Brown and Clare Kavanagh on 27 February. Following these presentations, the successful bidder will be chosen and the scope of the work finalised.
- 2.3 A draft report is expected to be available by the end of April and a final report by the end of June.
- 2.4 Daniel Moylan, Deputy Chairman of TfL, is regularly briefed on progress and will also be meeting with the appointed consultants during the review. This is expected to take place towards the end of March.

**3 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Panel is asked to NOTE this report.

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