

**TRANSPORT FOR LONDON**

**SURFACE TRANSPORT PANEL**

**SUBJECT: INDEPENDENT BUS REVIEW**

**DATE: 19 MAY 2009**

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**1 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 A review of the bus network is being undertaken at the request of the TfL Board. The scope was agreed at the Board meeting in November 2008 and can be summarised as follows:
- (a) How the bus network is planned and developed, including how well the process addresses the objectives of stakeholders, delivers passenger aspirations and value for money;
  - (b) The contracting system to assess whether changes could be made which would deliver better efficiency or lower costs; and
  - (c) 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 Following presentations to the Chair of the Panel and TfL Officers on 27 February, KPMG was selected to carry out the review. KPMG's team includes transport planning input from Steer Davies Gleave. Work commenced on 11 March.
- 2.2 Consultation meetings have been held with London TravelWatch, London borough transport officers, bus operators, London First, Councillors Mike Fisher and Irwin Van Colle (for London Councils), Valerie Shawcross (Assembly Member), Caroline Pidgeon (Assembly Member) and Richard Tracey (Assembly Member) (for the London Assembly Transport Committee) and Patrick O'Keeffe (Unite).
- 2.3 TfL Deputy Chairman Daniel Moylan is being briefed as the work progresses and has been consulted for the review. The Mayor's Director of Transport Policy, Kulveer Ranger will also be consulted.
- 2.4 KPMG's initial findings are expected to be available by mid-May and a report is due by the end of June.

**3 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Panel is asked to NOTE this report.

## **4 CONTACT**

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