

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

SURFACE TRANSPORT PANEL

SUBJECT: CYCLE HIRE SCHEME UPDATE

DATE: 19 MAY 2009

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 On 10 February 2009, the TfL Board approved the proposal for a Cycle Hire scheme in central London. The scheme is due to go live in May 2010.

2 PROGRESS TO DATE

Procurement

- 2.1 The Invitation to Tender for the design, construction and operation of the scheme was issued in March. Tenders have now been returned and are being evaluated. It is anticipated that a contract will be let in early June, or later in June if a 'best and final offer' process is required. The Mayor will be informed of the outcome of the procurement process.

Site Identification

- 2.2 Good progress has been made by each of the London boroughs and The Royal Parks on identifying suitable locations for the Cycle Hire stations. (A Cycle Hire station will consist of a terminal and at least 16 docking points.) Current plans encompass 6,000 cycles and around 10,200 docking points spread across 400 stations.
- 2.3 On 21 May, a meeting will take place between TfL Officers and Network Rail to discuss the siting of docking stations at rail stations. The meeting will also cover the provision of cycle spaces for users with their own bikes. However, it should be noted that this is a separate workstream to that of the Cycle Hire project and is being progressed by TfL's Cycling Centre of Excellence.

Planning Applications

- 2.4 Planning permission is required for each of the 400 Cycle Hire stations. The first applications were submitted in late April. Applications will continue to be submitted in batches through to the end of July.

Oyster

- 2.5 The Scheme will be Oyster compatible. An 'Oyster Lite' solution will be implemented whereby Oyster will be used to identify a customer against an existing cycle hire user account, not to actually process the payment. Therefore, customers wishing to hire a bicycle will also need to register their payment card or bank details.

Sponsorship

- 2.6 An OJEU notice together with a press release was issued on 29 April seeking a sponsor for the scheme. There have been a number of expressions of interest. Discussions with interested parties are continuing with the intention of letting a sponsorship contract in August.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Panel is asked to NOTE the report.

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