

Transport for London

Minutes of the Surface Transport Panel

Conference Room 1, Palestra
11.30am, Wednesday 10 July 2013

Members

Baroness Grey-Thompson	Chair
Charles Belcher	Vice Chair
Brian Cooke	Panel Member
Bob Oddy	Panel Member
Steve Wright	Panel Member

Staff

Howard Carter	General Counsel
Leon Daniels	Managing Director, Surface Transport
Garrett Emmerson	Chief Operating Officer, Surface Transport
Dana Skelley	Director of Roads, Surface Transport
Lisa Taylor	Chief of Staff to Chief Operating Officer
Sue Riley	Secretariat Officer

16/07/13 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence had been received from Keith Williams, Steve Allen and David Hendry.

Baroness Grey-Thompson declared an interest as a member of the London Legacy Development Corporation. Bob Oddy declared an interest as Deputy General Secretary of the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association regarding any matters concerning taxis. Steve Wright declared an interest as Chair of the Licensed Private Hire Car Association regarding any matters concerning private hire vehicles.

17/07/13 Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 April 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

18/07/13 Matters Arising and Actions List

It was agreed that a report on the operation of the London Taxicard Scheme be considered at the next meeting. **[Action: Helen Chapman]**

Leon Daniels confirmed that after some initial problems, the new taxi and private hire licensing depot arrangements were now functioning well, with an 88 per cent pass

rate. A customer satisfaction survey would be scoped and undertaken in due course and the findings shared with the Panel. **[Action: Garrett Emmerson]**

Steve Wright confirmed that he had met with Leon Daniels and Garrett Emmerson to discuss aspects of the recent Law Commission review of taxi and private hire services in England and Wales. Further discussions would be held outside of the meeting as to why the Taxi Operating Centres were not licensed in the same way as PHV centres.

The Panel noted the actions list.

19/07/13 Managing Director's Report

Leon Daniels presented the report, which updated the Panel on Surface Transport's performance for Period 2 (28 April 2013 – 25 May 2013) and an overview of recent major issues and developments.

A review had been commissioned, to analyse the slight reduction in non fare paying passenger journeys, in the year to date, to identify any underlying trends.

At no expense to TfL, one of the New Bus for London vehicles was part of a UK Government world tour to promote great British technology.

Service improvements and increased usage was continuing on the Putney to Blackfriars River Service.

Leon Daniels advised Members that the nature and operation of the amphibious assault craft used in London had been reviewed in the light of the recent incidents in Liverpool and were considered appropriate.

Consideration would be given to right hand drive requirements of stretch limousines. **[Action: Leon Daniels]**

The Panel was updated on the circumstances of the recent cycling fatality on a Barclays Cycle Hire bike. Investigations were still ongoing and any safety implications would be shared with the boroughs.

Steve Wright reported that the Licensed Private Hire Car Association had agreed to encourage a safety campaign to make passengers aware of the need to check for cyclists before exiting a vehicle.

It was agreed that the Panel would receive a presentation at the next meeting on the work of the Road Task Force. **[Action: Michèle Dix]**

Information from the launch of the Road Task Force would be circulated to Members. **[Action: Secretariat]**

The Panel noted the report.

20/07/13 Any Other Business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.40am.

The next scheduled meeting would be held on Wednesday 22 October 2013

Chair: _____

Date: _____