
Secretariat memorandum

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Actions taken

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To record actions taken by members or officers since the last meeting.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 None – this report is for information only.

3 Information

- 3.1 The Director, Policy and Investigation, and team attended several meetings and events relating to the work of the Policy committee, including the following:
- 3.2 Several meetings with the Office of Rail Regulation, to discuss issues including Network Rail's Strategic Business Plan, closure ratification for rail lines in south and west London, the periodic review of High Speed 1 and various consumer issues.
- 3.3 Several meetings with Transport for London, to discuss issues including recent responses to bus tendering exercises, implementation of the Legible London wayfinding scheme, and accessibility, as well as attending the Underground and Rail Advisory Panel meeting.
- 3.4 Several meetings with the Department for Transport, to discuss issues including the Thameslink Southern Great Northern franchise, the Essex Thameside franchise and new Thameslink rolling stock.
- 3.5 Several meetings with Network Rail including attending its Long Term Planning Process Working Group and discussing its West Coast and East Coast Steering Groups.
- 3.6 Meetings with local transport groups in Wimbledon and Greenwich.
- 3.7 A meeting with Association of Train Operating Companies to discuss penalty fares, unpaid fares notices, prosecutions and a new code of practice, as well as a meeting with Greater Anglia's Stakeholder Panel.
- 3.8 The launch of Professor David Begg's report looking at the future transport challenges for London.

- 3.9 The Greater London Authority's Fit Cities conference, which considered how the built environment might be developed to encourage active travel such as walking and cycling.
- 3.10 The Director, Policy and Investigation, attended the All Party Parliamentary Rail Group meeting with Richard Brown on rail franchising.
- 3.11 The Director, Policy and Investigation, responded to consultations relating to the TfL's Autumn 2012 bus service review programme and the DfT's consultation on rail franchising statement (Section 26 consultation). He wrote to the ORR relating to the withdrawal of scheduled passenger services between Ealing Broadway and Wandsworth Road. Copies of these responses are available on request.
- 3.12 South and west London closures ratification process

4 Equalities and inclusion implications

- 4.1 In accordance with London TravelWatch's duties under the Disability Discrimination Act and other legislation, account is taken when responding to consultations on proposals from external bodies of their particular impact (if any) on the needs of people whose access to transport may be restricted by reason of disability or social exclusion.

5 Legal powers

- 5.1 Section 248 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 places upon London TravelWatch (as the London Transport Users Committee) a duty to consider - and where it appears to the Committee to be desirable, to make recommendations with respect to - any matter affecting the functions of the Greater London Authority or Transport for London which relate to transport (other than of freight). Section 252A of the same Act (as amended by Schedule 6 of the Railways Act 2005) places a similar duty upon the Committee to keep under review matters affecting the interests of the public in relation to railway passenger and station services provided wholly or partly within the London railway area, and to make representations about them to such persons as it thinks appropriate.

6 Financial implications

- 6.1 No specific financial implications for London TravelWatch arise from this report.