

Confidential Minutes

Agenda item 15 Drafted 30.6.09

Minutes of the confidential meeting of the Board held at the Chamber, City Hall on 30 June 2009

These minutes are in addition to the public minutes of a meeting of the Board on the same date. The Board resolved, under section 15(2)(b) of schedule 18 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999, that by reason of the confidential nature of the item(s) to be discussed, it was desirable in the public interest that the public should be excluded for this part of the meeting.

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Present

David Barry; Onjali Bodrul; Gail Engert; Daniel Francis; Sharon Grant (Chair of London TravelWatch); Sophia Lambert; David Leibling; Teena Lashmore; Sarah Pond

Chief Executive; Committee Administrator; Director, Research and Development; Senior Committee Administrator (minutes); Safety and Policy Advisor; Streets and Surface Transport Officer

15 Pre-meeting Confidential session

The Board discussed the process for response to the Mayor's Transport Strategy statement of intent, and were reminded of the remit of the response. Chair advised that today's meeting was a process of finalising this document. It should be prefaced by a short statement of London TravelWatch's general position on the issue.

Mr Leibling commented that the paper totally ignores the fact that half of the journeys undertaken in London are by car, especially in outer London.

The Director, Research and Development reminded the Board that London TravelWatch's approach has hitherto been to make the best use of the capacity available. If that means that some modes such have not taken the view that we should champion all the capacity that is wanted on any one mode.

Mr Leibling also objected to the repeated reference to induced travel by car, as though it is seen as always a bad thing. Another member commented that it is only a bad thing in the context of reducing congestion, and in terms of the environment.

Mr Barry made the point that the provision of better transport links encouraged modal shift. The Chair added that, on the grounds of limited roadspace and capacity we do need to look for the best returns. We will discuss induced traffic at a later date.

Mr Probert requested that no future London TravelWatch meetings were held at City Hall as it was so inaccessible.

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Confidential minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 19 May 2009 were agreed and signed for the record.

17 Meeting review

Mr Leibling commented that some time ago, we said that, any time we had external visitors, the Casework team would report to the Board any issues arising. The Chair agreed that in principle this was worth doing, and was an opportunity missed.

The Chair asked that it be recorded on the Actions Taken report that she and the Director, Research and Development, had appeared in front of the Transport Committee. The Chair plans to discuss an appendix to the Actions Taken report of actions taken by the Chief Executive, to draw such things together.

All members requested a copy of the Travel in London report, and six requested hard copies.

Action: Committee Services

With the Chief Executive, members also discussed the business plan for 2010/11.