London TravelWatch

Green Transport Policy

- 1. London TravelWatch recognises that traffic causes problems of congestion in towns and exhaust fumes contribute to health problems and pollute the environment.
- 2. London TravelWatch believes that whenever and wherever possible journeys which need to be made on Board business should be made by foot, bicycle, or public transport. It believes that journeys by private car or motorbike should be restricted to those for which no public transport exists, (or for which the public transport option is unreasonably circuitous or time-consuming), and for which walking or cycling is unreasonable, or for which, given the special circumstances of the journey(s) to be undertaken, the use of alternatives is neither possible, practicable nor reasonable. The Chairman in respect of members and the Chief Executive in respect of staff shall determine whether a journey or journeys are sufficiently exceptional to justify the payment of car or motorbike mileage allowance.
- 3. In furtherance of this policy members voluntarily agree to forego expenses to which they would otherwise be entitled in respect of car or motorbike mileage for journeys which are not covered by the exceptions referred to in paragraph 2 above. Similarly, members of the Secretariat are not entitled to mileage allowance unless specifically authorised in advance of travel.
- 4. In the event of travel by car being the only acceptable means of making a journey on Board business, and more than one member or member of the Secretariat is attending the meeting, then, if it is practicable and the car driver is suitably insured, arrangements should be made for car-sharing.

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