
Confidential Minutes

Agenda item: 16
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Confidential minutes of the Board meeting held on 24 May 2016 at 169 Union Street

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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1. Minutes and matters arising
2. Priorities for the new mayoral term
3. Meeting review

Present

Members

Chris Brown, Richard Dilks, Glyn Kyle, Stephen Locke (Chair), Abdikafi Rage, John Stewart, Ruth Thompson

Secretariat

Tim Bellenger

Director, Policy and Investigation

Janet Cooke

Chief Executive

Sharon Malley

Executive Assistant

1 Confidential minutes of the meeting on 22 March 2016

The confidential minutes of the Board meeting held on 22 March 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

2 Priorities for the new mayoral term

Members discussed London TravelWatch's approach to promoting its priorities for the new mayoral term with the new Mayor and team. Issues such as the review of ticket office closures, accessibility (for example, at Bank underground station) and the delay to rail devolution were important to focus on.

Members agreed that it was important to remain firm on the need for devolution. It would be useful to have evidence from Transport for London of the Department for Transport's apparent lack of enthusiasm to take devolution forward, given the serious risk of missing the key milestones that would enable devolution to the Mayor of Southeastern metro services. If necessary, this should be followed up with a letter to relevant decision-makers and interested parties to seek support for continued progress with devolution.

Action: Director, Policy and Investigation

It was noted that the London TravelWatch seminar on interchanges scheduled for 2 June had been finalised and speakers were confirmed. Board members were invited to attend.

3 Meeting review

Members agreed that David McNeill's contribution to the meeting had been helpful and informative. The decision to involve him in a discussion rather than to ask for a presentation had been beneficial.

Members noted the risk of the casework team becoming overworked. They thanked caseworkers for their continued efforts in challenging conditions.

The Chief Executive said that a previous review of London TravelWatch by the London Assembly had concluded that London TravelWatch could cut down its workload by attending fewer meetings. It was important to stress that meetings were a critical aspect of London TravelWatch's work – both in gathering intelligence and in getting views across – and that attending the right meetings was an important means of securing good outcomes for London passengers.