
Report of external meeting

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1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To record for information a meeting held on 9 September 2008 at which London TravelWatch was represented by Sarah Pond

2 Information

- 2.1 The meeting started by receiving feedback on the experience of the Beijing Olympics.

- 2.2 Specific points of interest to London TravelWatch are :

- Beijing benefited from a new subway system which will have 15 additional lines built in the next 15 years
- Signage was poor – not a language issue just not helpful
- It was not unusual for taxi drivers not to know where the Olympic park was
- On one journey, the bus driver hadn't done a dry run of the route and consequently got lost
- Olympic lanes worked very well for members of the Olympic family.

- 2.3 A presentation was given on the Legacy master plan framework.

- 2.4 Key points of interest to London TravelWatch are :

- A key aim of the Framework is sustainability and reduced carbon levels for the 'legacy' areas. This will include public transport, encouragement of cycling, etc
- There is an intention to maximise the potential of Stratford International railway station. Its international links but also within London and the local area, particular reference made to buses.
- A consultation has been running throughout the summer and will continue with a specific recommendation going out for public consultation in December 2008 or January 2009
- There are three scenarios under consideration at present to which responses are encouraged. The web-site containing the detail is www.legacynow.co.uk
- In addition to the existing framework for consultation, they will also consult specialist organisations regarding specific issues in October/November 08

2.5 I made the one comment that it was imperative that transport modelling happens as a key aspect of the planning process and was assured of Transport for London's engagement.

2.6 It may be useful if we were to submit a formal response to the consultation stating the importance of ensuring transport is a key part of this process and raising any specific potential issues arising from the three scenarios currently being consulted upon.

3 Equalities and inclusion implications

3.1 Not applicable – report is for information only.

4 Financial implications

4.1 Not applicable – report is for information only.

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 it 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 Recommendation

6.1 That the report is received for information.