
Secretariat memorandum

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Key activities

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To record key activities undertaken by members or officers since the last meeting in respect of operational issues. The activities have been carried out in direct pursuance of the objectives set out in the London TravelWatch business plan.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 None – this report is for information only.

3 Information: key activities

- 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 Two quarterly meetings of Network Rail's long term planning process.
- 3.3 Meetings to discuss specific transport projects such as Turnham Green station, Bank station upgrade, London Bridge and London Victoria station upgrades, and Crossrail.
- 3.4 Meetings to discuss franchises with Transport for London (Docklands Light Railway franchise and Crossrail), Abellio, Go Ahead, MTR and Stagecoach (Thameslink Southern Great Northern franchise) and National Express (Essex Thameside franchise and Crossrail). Also a meeting with the Department for Transport (DfT) to discuss passenger benefits relating to the Thameslink Southern Great Northern franchise.
- 3.5 Operational meetings with operators including Abellio, First Great Western, Southern, First Capital Connect and Southeastern.
- 3.6 Meetings with the DfT to discuss the government's review of fares and ticketing, the accessibility strategy and the Southeastern direct award franchise.
- 3.7 Meetings with the Office of Rail Regulation and London Councils.
- 3.8 Attending a meeting of the Rail Industry Planning Group.
- 3.9 Meetings with TfL to discuss changes to London Underground, engineering closures and contactless payments.

- 3.10 Events including the Cycling Vision for London stakeholder workshop and the Transport Times party conference rail fringe event.
- 3.11 Two meetings to discuss the Electrification Route Utilisation Strategy.
- 3.12 A meeting with the Oval Partnership to discuss travel demand management of the Northern line southern corridor.
- 3.13 A meeting to progress issues arising from the London Assembly bus scrutiny.

4 Legal powers

- 4.1 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.

5 Financial implications

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