

Transport affordability

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1. To note the publication of London TravelWatch's report Living On The Edge: The impact of travel costs on low-paid workers living in outer London.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1. That the report is received for information.

3 Information

- 3.1. London TravelWatch, in partnership with London Councils and Trust for London, has produced a report assessing the choices that people on low incomes have to make about travelling to work. The Executive Summary has been attached to this report and the full version can be found at [http://www.londontravelwatch.org.uk/news/view?id=562&x\[0\]=news/listb](http://www.londontravelwatch.org.uk/news/view?id=562&x[0]=news/listb)

4 Equalities and inclusion implications

- 4.1. This report relates to the ability of people on low incomes to access transport in London, especially in relation to travelling to work. It is therefore aimed at improving transport inclusion for those on low incomes.

5 Financial implications

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

6 Legal powers and financial implications

- 6.1. Section 248 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 requires London TravelWatch (as the London Transport Users Committee) to consider, and where it appears to it to be desirable, to make recommendations with respect to any service or facility provided by or for (or in the case of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, licensed by) Transport for London, other than a matter relating to the transportation of freight, if it has been the subject of representations made by or on behalf of users of that service or facility. Section 252B of the same Act places a similar duty on the Committee in respect of users or potential users of railway services provided wholly or partly within

the “London railway area” as defined under the provisions of the Railways Act 1993. The Consumer Affairs Committee is not required to consider matters which appear to it to be frivolous or (in the case of railway services) vexatious.