

Notes of the meeting of the Chairs' Group held on 28 September 2018

Present: Arthur Leathley (AL), John Stewart (JS) Janet Cooke (JC), Tim Bellenger (TB), and Luke Muskett (LM).

1. Notes of last meeting

They were noted. TB stated that the bus stations report had been circulated to members for their comments. It was planned to be published during the second week of October followed by the report on surface access to airports two weeks after that.

2. Agenda forward planning

The following was discussed and agreed:

- The next fares and ticketing seminar would take place on 18th October from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Invites had been sent and key players had confirmed their attendance.
- Mike Brown, Commissioner of TfL, would be the main speaker at the Board meeting on 23 October. He would be asked to give a 10 minute overview of current TfL issues, followed by a question and answer session. The consultation into proposed Overground ticket office closures would be discussed following the break. Arriva Rail London and the unions (RMT and TSSA) would be invited to attend as observers. There would also be an item on stations that could be easily made accessible at minimal cost. The trip to Barking was postponed until 2019.
- The third Ruth Thompson memorial lecture on 5 November would now run from 5.30pm until 8.00pm, allowing more time for discussion (speaking time from 6.00pm to 7.30pm).
- The next Governance Committee would take place on 6 November.
- The final Chair's Group of 2018 would be arranged for the middle of November.
- On 20 November, the Board meeting would be held at City Hall in Committee Room 2. Andrew Haines, new CEO of Network Rail, would be asked to give a presentation on his ambitions for passengers followed by a Q&A session. Paul Plummer, CEO of the RDG, would speak after the break. Vincent Stops would present the findings of the Loughborough University research into safety on buses.

- The Policy Committee on 11 December would centre on taxi and private hire vehicles and the competition for road space. Uber would be invited to speak. An informal update would be given on the progress of Crossrail. An update would be given on the report into Sandilands as well as other safety issues that had occurred throughout the year. It was agreed that more work needed to be done before public discussion took place on Euston and HS2. Said item was moved to Q1 2019.
- Following the comments from the Dartford Board meeting in July, it had been agreed that two meetings would take place outside of central London in 2019. It was agreed these meetings would be in July and November. The precise locations would be decided at a later date, once the policy context had been scoped.
- Gareth Powell would attend the extended Board meeting on 15 January. He would be asked to discuss the bus consultation as well as other topics. In the afternoon, a Board training session based on the Scheme of Delegation would be held to help newly appointed Board members understand the policy framework within which the day-to-day work of the organisation took place.

3. Meeting to discuss TfL's bus consultation – suggested for 23 October p.m.

It was agreed that the bus consultation meeting would take place on 23rd October from 4.30pm – 6.30pm in order to get as many local authority representatives from inner and outer London attending as possible. The GLA transport leads would be invited to attend.

4. Response to ORR consultation on compulsory membership of RDG ombudsman scheme

A letter would be sent out in response to the ORR consultation on the compulsory membership of the currently voluntary RDG scheme. London TravelWatch would give its support to ADR in principle; though highlight the potential problems posed by the proposals.

5. Business plan 2019/20

The 2019/20 business plan had been finalised in the format agreed with the Board and sent to City Hall.

6. Any other business

It was agreed that future meetings would be extended to two hours so that there was enough time to properly discuss all items on the agenda.