
Confidential Minutes

Agenda item 13
Drafted : 10 Nov 2009

Confidential minutes of the meeting of the London TravelWatch Board held on 10 November 2009 at 6 Middle Street, London EC1

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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Present

David Barry; Terry Bennett; Onjali Bodrul; Kevin Davis; Sharon Grant (Chair); Sarah Pond; Lorna Reith (Deputy Chair)

Tim Bellenger	Director, Research and Development
Carmel Cannon	Senior Committee Administrator
Janet Cooke	Chief Executive
Jo deBank	Communications Officer
Mark Donoghue	Committee Administrator

1 Pre-meeting confidential session

In the pre-meeting session the Chair reviewed the agenda and reminded members that it had been created from recent issues arising from the Committees. Questions for speakers were discussed, particularly with regard to consultation from TfL on communications issues. It was noted that the Tube map was due to be published on 11 December which would include the recent changes to the Circle Line.

Mr Barry was asked to provide wording for developing London TravelWatch's policy on road schemes.

Action : Mr Barry

2 Confidential minutes

Confidential minutes of the Board meeting held on 30 June 2009 were approved and signed for the record.

3 Meeting review

Members commented on the difficult timing of the meeting as the agenda was so ambitious. Ms Pond added that the crowded agenda did not leave enough time for even all the planned questions. Members were keen not to develop a negative attitude towards TfL whilst ensuring that they respected London TravelWatch enough to act when they were being held to account.

The Chief Executive had met with Ian Henderson, Director of Group Customer Services, regarding the TfL website, and there was a massive web project which meant that tinkering with the finer points was not possible. Whilst the Board was sceptical that this was so, they accepted the offer of a presentation from the team.

Action : Committee Services

All members agreed with Mr Davis' point that the entire meeting could have been just on the Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS) and the TfL Business Plan, particularly as the MTS is only produced every number of years.

In considering any risks to the organisation posed by the day's meeting, one was that it might damage the relationship with TfL. However, the Chair reminded members that TfL had stated that they viewed London TravelWatch as equally ranked with all other stakeholders, even though we are a statutory body.