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**Secretariat memorandum**

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Update on response to consultation on the draft West Midlands and Chilterns Route Utilisation Strategy

**1 Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To agree a response to Network Rail's draft consultation on the West Midlands and Chilterns route utilisation strategy (RUS).

**2 Recommendation**

- 2.1. Members are recommended to agree the response attached in Appendix A as London TravelWatch's formal policy position on the development of train services on this route.

**3 Background**

- 3.1. In November 2010 Network Rail issued their draft for consultation of the West Midlands and Chiltern route utilisation strategy. The development of this rail route has a number of strategic implications for passengers in the London area, beyond those of its current users.
- 3.2. In February 2011, members agreed a response to the West Midlands and Chilterns RUS. This response was then issued for consultation among stakeholders.
- 3.3. The response was then updated to accommodate the comments from stakeholders and this forms the document in Appendix A.

**4 Changes following consultation**

- 4.1. Members are asked to note the following principal changes to the response following the consultation:
- The addition of a pre-development Stage 0 to make best use of existing stations and facilities
  - The expansion of the section on the necessity for an interchange station at West Hampstead, as essential to making viable the improvements to services at the Greater London stations

- The deletion of support for the Uxbridge branch of Crossrail

## **5 Equalities and inclusion implications**

- 5.1. There are no specific equalities and inclusion implications arising from this report.

## **6 Legal powers**

- 6.1. Section 252A of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 places a duty upon London TravelWatch (as the London Transport Users 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.

## **7 Financial implications**

- 7.1. There are no specific equalities and inclusion implications arising from this report.