
Secretariat memorandum

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Actions taken

1 Purpose of report

1.1 To record actions taken by members or officers since the last meeting.

2 Recommendation

2.1 None – this report is for information only.

3 Information

3.1 On 21 June 2012 the Director, Policy and Investigation and the Policy Officer met the Department for Transport regarding the Chiltern 2012 timetable and other concerns.

3.2 On 26 June 2012 the Director, Policy and Investigation and the Policy Officer met First group regarding their bid for the Great Western franchise.

3.3 On 3 July 2012 the Policy Officer attended the Charlton Rail Users Group meeting.

3.4 On 4 July 2012 the Policy Officer attended a Department for Transport workshop on the Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern, and South Eastern franchise consultations.

3.5 On 4 July 2012 the Director, Policy and Investigation, attended a Network Rail working group for the London & South East market study.

3.6 On 19 July 2012 the Policy Officer attended a Department for Transport workshop on the InterCity East Coast franchise consultation.

3.7 On 19 July 2012 the Policy Officer attended a Southwark workshop on the Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern franchise consultation.

3.8 On 25 July 2012 the Director, Policy and Investigation and the Policy Officers met a Greater London Authority officer to discuss the proposed redevelopments around Waterloo station.

3.9 On 25 July 2012 the Director, Policy and Investigation and the Policy Officer met the Department for Transport to discuss the High Level Output Specification, franchising and other topics.

3.10 On 27 July 2012 the Director, Policy and Investigation and the Policy Officer met First Group regarding their bid for the Essex Thameside franchise.

- 3.11 On 1 August 2012 the Director, Policy and Investigation and the Policy Officer met MTR regarding their bid for the Essex Thameside franchise.
- 3.12 On 7 August 2012 the Director, Policy and Investigation and the Policy Officer met Abellio regarding their bid for the Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern franchise.
- 3.13 On 9 August 2012 the Director, Policy and Investigation submitted a response to the London Assembly's scrutiny on Cycling in London.
- 3.14 On 22 August 2012 the Director, Policy and Investigation and the Policy Officer met the Department for Transport regarding the consent that train operating companies need to alter timetables for special events.
- 3.15 On 23 August 2012 the Policy Officer submitted London TravelWatch's response to the Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern franchise consultation.

4 Equalities and inclusion implications

- 4.1 In accordance with London TravelWatch's duties under the Disability Discrimination Act and other legislation, account is taken when responding to consultations on proposals from external bodies of their particular impact (if any) on the needs of people whose access to transport may be restricted by reason of disability or social exclusion.

5 Legal powers

- 5.1 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.

6 Financial implications

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