

Board



Date: 13 December 2023

Item: Matters Arising, Actions List and Use of Delegated Authority

This paper will be considered in public

1 Summary

- 1.1 This paper informs the Board of any use of Chair's Action or authority delegated by the Board, any Mayoral Directions to TfL and progress against actions agreed at previous meetings, since the last meeting of the Board on 18 October 2023.
- 1.2 There has been no use of Chair's Action, nor any other use of specific authority delegated by the Board to Committees, nor any Mayoral Directions issued to TfL.
- 1.3 The Mayoral Direction on the Withdrawal of Day Travelcards on the TfL Network (MD3142) is no longer applicable because, as provided for in that decision, agreement has been reached that is financially acceptable to TfL such that Day Travelcards can continue to be bought by customers as part of their train tickets to London.
- 1.4 At the last meeting, the Mayor confirmed he was in the process of appointing Councillor Ross Garrod to the Board and the Board delegated authority to the Deputy Chair of TfL, in consultation with Councillor Garrod and the relevant Chairs, to appoint Councillor Garrod to Committees and Panels. At the time of publication, discussions are ongoing and a verbal update on the appointments will be provided at this meeting.
- 1.5 Appendix 1 sets out the progress against actions agreed at previous meetings.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 **The Board is asked to note the paper and note:**
 - (a) **the appointment of Councillor Ross Garrod to the Board on 3 November 2023 and his appointment to Committees and Panels; and**
 - (b) **the actions list, set out in Appendix 1 of the paper.**

3 Use of Chair's Action

- 3.1 Under Standing Order 112, in situations of urgency, the Board delegates to each of the Chair and the Chairs of any Committee or Panel the exercise of any functions of TfL on its behalf. Any use of Chair's Action is reported to the next ordinary meeting. The Board on occasion will also make specific delegations to its Committees which, when exercised, are reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Board, as well as the next meeting of the relevant Committee.
- 3.2 There has been no use of Chair's Action since the last meeting.

4 Use of Delegated Authority

- 4.1 There has been no use of specific authority delegated by the Board to Committees since the last meeting.

Appointment of Councillor Ross Garrod to Committees and Panels

- 4.2 On 3 November 2023, the Mayor appointed Councillor Ross Garrod to the Board. He is a London Councils' nominee to the Board. At the last meeting, the Board delegated to the Deputy Chair authority to appoint Councillor Ross Garrod to Committees and Panels of the Board, in consultation with the relevant Chairs.
- 4.3 The discussions with Councillor Garrod and the relevant Chairs will conclude after the papers for this meeting are published. Members will be informed of the decisions and a verbal update will be provided at this meeting.

5 Mayoral Directions to TfL

- 5.1 The Greater London Authority (GLA) Act 1999 (as amended) permits the Mayor to issue to TfL general directions as to the manner in which TfL is to exercise its functions or specific directions as to the exercise of its functions (or not to exercise a power specified in the direction). Directions are also often made in relation to the implementation of matters in respect of which the Mayor delegates statutory powers to TfL.
- 5.2 The Mayor makes Mayoral Directions through Mayoral Decisions. Papers for Mayoral Directions set out the financial and other implications. If those implications change over time, that will be reported to the GLA.
- 5.3 All Mayoral Decisions are issued in writing, with the information that is not exempt from publication included on the GLA's Decisions Database on its website: <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/good-governance/decisions?order=DESC>.
- 5.4 Mayoral Directions fall into three broad categories: those addressing technical issues relating to statutory powers; those related to commercial development activities; and those related to projects and programmes. Mayoral Directions relating to TfL are reported to the Board's Committees for discussion as soon as possible after they are received by TfL or published.

Regular reports will list the relevant Directions for as long as they are applicable.

- 5.5 Annually the Audit and Assurance Committee considers the list as part of its consideration of the annual audit plan to ensure that appropriate audit resource is applied to assurance on TfL's work in implementing Mayoral Directions. This will also be kept under review at each quarterly meeting of that Committee.
- 5.6 A summary of current Mayoral Directions to TfL is maintained on the "How we are governed" page on our website, with links to the relevant Mayoral Decisions: <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/about-tfl/how-we-work/how-we-are-governed>. That page will be updated as and when further Directions are made.
- 5.7 There have been no Mayoral Direction issued to TfL since the last meeting. One Mayoral Direction previously issued to TfL had been withdrawn.

Withdrawal of Day Travelcards on TfL Network (MD3142 11/07/23)

- 6.1 At the 25 July 2023 meeting, it was reported that the Mayor had directed TfL to give six-months' notice to terminate the relevant provisions of the Travelcard Agreement, as TfL assessed that it was underfunded on Day Travelcards at a total cost of approximately £40m a year.
- 6.2 As provided for within the Mayoral Decision, the Direction is no longer applicable as agreement has been reached with the Department for Transport and Train Operating Companies which is financially acceptable to TfL and allows such that Day Travelcards can continue to be bought by customers as part of their train tickets to London.

6 Actions List

- 6.1 Appendix 1 sets out the progress against actions agreed at previous meetings.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1: Actions List

List of Background Papers:

Minutes from previous meetings.

Standing Orders and Terms of Reference of Committees and Panels.

Greater London Authority Decision Making Database.

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