

Date: 20 December 2023

Item: Use of Delegated Authority

This paper will be considered in public

1 Summary

- 1.1 The use of delegated authority is a standing item on the agenda to inform the Committee of any use of delegated authority by the Committee, through Chair's Action or of Financial Authority (unbudgeted), Land or Procurement Authority (in respect of matters within the Committee's remit) granted by the Commissioner and the Chief Finance Officer in accordance with delegated authorities under TfL's Standing Orders since the last meeting of the Committee. The paper also provides information on Mayoral Directions to TfL within the Committee's remit.
- 1.2 Since the meeting of the Committee on 21 September 2023, there has been:
 - (a) no uses of Chair's Action;
 - (b) no approval of Financial Authority or Land Authority by the Commissioner;
 - (c) one approval of unbudgeted Financial Authority and Land Authority by the Chief Finance Officer £4.97m for improvement works to the Wood Lane Arches; and
 - (d) no Mayoral Directions within the Committee's remit.
- 1.3 Similar papers are submitted to the Finance Committee and the Programmes and Investment Committee in respect of the use of Chair's Action or Programme and Project Authority and Procurement Authority granted by the Commissioner and the Chief Finance Officer in respect of matters with the remit of those Committee, together with relevant Mayoral Directions.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 **The Committee is asked to note the paper.**

3 Use of Authority Delegated by the Board

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

4 Use of Chair's Action

- 4.1 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, including the appointment of Members to Committees and Panels. Any use of Chair's Action is reported to the next ordinary meeting.
- 4.2 There has been no use of Chair's Action since the last meeting.

5 Financial and Land Authority Approvals

- 5.1 Financial Authority is the authority to spend money, receive income, incur a financial liability or redistribute funds to relevant third parties in respect of their respective allocated budgets. Financial Authority is automatically granted to the extent that an activity or Programme or Project is 'budgeted'. This paper reports on any use of unbudgeted Financial Authority.
- 5.2 Land Authority is the authority to engage in a Land Transaction or to dispose of any assets.
- 5.3 Since the last meeting, the following use of delegated authority has been approved:

(a) Wood Lane Arches

Unbudgeted Financial Authority and Land Authority of £4.97m was approved by the Chief Finance Officer for improvement works to the Wood Lane Arches.

6 Mayoral Directions to TfL

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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>.
- 6.4 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.

- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 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.
- 6.7 Mayoral Directions to TfL addressing technical issues with our statutory powers or commercial development activities within the remit of this Committee are reported to this Committee.
- 6.8 There have been no Directions issued to TfL within the remit of the Committee since the last meeting.

List of appendices to this report:

None.

List of Background Papers:

Minutes from the previous meeting of the Committee.

Greater London Authority Decision Making Database.

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