

Date: 6 March 2024

Item: Delegations to the Finance Committee: 2024/25 TfL Budget; Prudential Indicators for 2024/25 to 2026/27; and TfL's policy on Minimum Revenue Provision

This paper will be considered in public

1 Summary

1.1 This paper seeks a delegation of authority from the Board to the Finance Committee to approve the 2024/25 TfL Budget, the Prudential Indicators for 2024/25 to 2026/27 and TfL's policy on Minimum Revenue Provision.

2 Recommendation

2.1 The Board is asked to delegate authority to the Finance Committee to approve:

- (a) the 2024/25 TfL Budget;**
- (b) the Prudential Indicators for 2024/25 to 2026/27; and**
- (c) TfL's policy on Minimum Revenue Provision.**

3 Background

3.1 A decision to approve the 2024/25 TfL Budget, the Prudential Indicators and TfL's policy on Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) is required before the next meeting of the Board – which will take place after the Mayoral elections on 2 May 2024 – and before the end of the financial year, as:

- (a) to meet the statutory requirement as a local authority to have a balanced budget, we need to ensure an approved budget is in place when the current one expires;
- (b) the requirements of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Prudential Code (the Code) require the Prudential Indicators for the forthcoming and following years to be set before the beginning of the forthcoming year; and
- (c) the Local authority Capital Financing Regulations require that before the start of each financial year a local authority should prepare a statement of its policy on making Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) in respect of that financial year for approval.

- 3.2 The approval of the TfL Budget and the Prudential Indicators are matters reserved to the Board. The Capital Financing Regulations require that local authorities without a full Council approve their MRP policy at the closest equivalent level, which in TfL's case is the Board.
- 3.3 However, these items were not available in time for this meeting of the Board as they were still under preparation. The timing of this meeting of the Board was impacted by the pre-election period.
- 3.4 Subject to the approval to delegate authority to the Finance Committee, it is proposed that these items will be submitted to the meeting of the Finance Committee for approval on 13 March 2024.

List of appendices to this report:

None

List of Background Papers:

None

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