

**Date:** 18 March 2025

**Item:** Use of Delegated Authority

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## **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 or Land Authority (in respect of matters within the Committee's remit) granted by the Commissioner and the TfL 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 last meeting of the Committee, on 10 December 2024, there have been:
  - (a) no uses of specific authority delegated by the Board, nor any use of Chair's Action;
  - (b) one approval of Procurement Authority by the Commissioner in relation to Facilities Management – Places for London;
  - (c) one approval of unbudgeted Financial Authority and Land Authority by the TfL Chief Finance Officer in relation to Kilburn Mews; 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, Authorities granted by the Commissioner and the TfL Chief Finance Officer and any relevant Mayoral Directions that fall within the remit of those Committees.

### **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 of the Committee.

## 4 Use of Chair's Action

- 4.1 Under Standing Order 113, in situations of urgency, the Board delegates to each of the Chair, the Deputy Chair and the Chairs of any Committee the exercise of any functions of TfL on its behalf, including the appointment of Members to Committees and Panels. If the Chair, the Deputy Chair or the Chair of a Committee is unable to exercise authority due to unavailability or a conflict of interests, that authority may be exercised by the Chair or Vice Chair of any Committee. Members will be informed as soon as practicable following any use of Chair's action using the authority of Standing Order 113 and it must be reported to the next ordinary meeting.
- 4.2 There has been no use of Chair's Action since the last meeting of the Committee.

## 5 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 Procurement Authority is the authority to make a binding or contractual commitment with a supplier for the purchase of goods, services, land or works or to receive income arising from TfL Group activities in the areas of goods, services, land or works.
- 5.3 Land Authority is the authority to engage in a Land Transaction or to dispose of any assets.
- 5.4 Since the last meeting, the following has been approved by the Commissioner:
- (a) **Facilities Management – Places for London:** Procurement Authority to extend the existing provision of Facilities Management service combining cyclical (planned preventative maintenance), reactive maintenance and additional works for Places for London in line with the terms of the contract with the existing supplier.
- 5.5 Since the last meeting, the following has been approved by the TfL Chief Finance Officer:
- (a) **Kilburn Mews:** increased Financial Authority (for an unbudgeted amount) and Land Authority to enable the completion of works for the regeneration of Kilburn Mews. This regeneration project brings a number of benefits including: safety improvements; enhanced placemaking; creation of workplaces for small and medium enterprises; and an improved experience for TfL customers entering and exiting the London Underground station opposite the Mews.

## **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 Mayoral decision papers inviting the Mayor to issue a direction 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 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 related to land and property development activities within the remit of this Committee are reported to this Committee.
- 6.8 There have been no Mayoral Directions issued to TfL within the Committee's remit since the last meeting.

### **List of appendices to this report:**

None

### **List of Background Papers:**

Greater London Authority Decision Making Database

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