Finance Committee





Item: Speed Awareness Courses – Contract Extension

This paper will be considered in public

1 Summary

- 1.1 This paper seeks the Committee's approval for Procurement Authority to enable the extension of the Speed Awareness Courses (SACs) contract by two years (exercising the contractual option available to TfL). The extension of this contract ensures the continued delivery of SACs, which are vital to road safety in London.
- 1.2 A paper is included on Part 2 of the agenda which contains supplementary information that is exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 in that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of TfL. Any discussion of that exempt information must take place after the press and public have been excluded from the meeting.

2 Recommendation

2.1 The Committee is asked to note the paper and the exempt supplementary information on Part 2 of the agenda and approve additional Procurement Authority in the sum set out in the paper on Part 2 of the agenda to enable the extension of the contract for speed awareness courses.

3 Background

- 3.1 TfL's Compliance, Policing, Operations and Security Directorate works with the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to enhance safety across London's transport network. TfL provides funding for the safety camera network, while enforcement is carried out by the MPS.
- 3.2 Under the National Driver Offender Retraining Scheme, managed by United Kingdom Road Offender Education Ltd, eligible drivers who have committed various driving offences may attend a training course as an alternative to prosecution, including for speeding.
- 3.3 Since 2012, TfL administers the SAC on behalf of the MPS for individuals caught speeding by TfL-operated cameras within Greater London who are eligible for a speed awareness course.
- 3.4 In June 2022, the Committee approved Procurement Authority for this contract, following a compliant competitive procurement exercise under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015), for an initial three-year period which ends on 25 August 2025.

3.5 TfL has an option to extend the duration of the contract for a further period or periods up to a total of two years. This extension will result in a new contract expiry date of 25 August 2027. This is a compliant extension under the PCR 2015.

4 Benefits

- 4.1 The Vision Zero action plan highlights that speeding significantly increases the likelihood of collisions and the severity of their outcomes. Speed is the single most critical factor influencing both the probability and impact of a collision and is a factor in around 50 per cent of fatal collisions in London.
- 4.2 SACs aim to educated drivers who speed, increase their understanding of speed limits and the dangers of speeding, and ultimately encouraging safer driving behaviour.
- 4.3 The extension of this contract ensures the continued delivery of SACs, which are vital to road safety in London. SACs offer an effective and educational alternative to prosecution for drivers who commit speeding offences and directly support TfL's Vision Zero goal of eliminating road deaths and serious injuries by 2041. In 2024, more than 95 per cent of surveyed participants reported improved driving behaviour.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 The budget to fund this contract for 2025/26 and 2026/27 is included in the current TfL Business Plan and Budget. Provision for the period that extends beyond the current TfL Business Plan will need to be made in future Business Plans and Budgets.

List of appendices to this report:

A paper containing exempt supplementary information is included on Part 2 of the agenda

List of Background Papers:

Speed Awareness Courses Contract Award paper, Finance Committee 22 June 2022

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