

Transport for the North Scrutiny Committee Meeting – Item 3, Part 1

Subject: **Feedback from the Transport for the North Board
Meeting of the 8 January 2020**

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Meeting Date: 13 February 2020

1 Purpose of the Report:

- 1.1 To provide feedback to Scrutiny Committee on the items on the Agenda of the Transport for the North Board at its meeting on 8 January 2020 on which the Scrutiny Committee had previously made comments.

2. Executive Summary:

- 2.1 At its meeting on 18 December 2019, the Scrutiny Committee considered items to be presented to the Transport for the North Board at its meeting on the 8th January and made formal recommendations to the Board on the following item:

Review of the Constitution - Membership, Role and Procedure of the Partnership Board.

- 2..2 This report is to provide feedback to the Scrutiny Committee on how their recommendations were taken into account.

3. Discussion:

3.1 Review of the Constitution

- 3.2 At the Transport for the North Board meeting on 12 September 2019 the Board considered a proposal from Mayor Steve Rotherham that the membership of the Partnership Board should be amended to include the regional representatives of the TUC. Other Members of the Board proposed that the membership of the Partnership Board should be amended to include representatives of other interests including people with a disability, environmental groups and representatives of the travelling public and the Board resolved to defer the matter to its next meeting and requested a further report on the matter.

3.3 When the Scrutiny Committee considered the proposals at their meeting on 18 December 2019, Committee Members were broadly supportive of the idea that the Partnership Board should be widened as it was considered that this would provide more diversity to the meeting. Members also considered that it would help the Partnership Board in its advisory capacity to the Board, if the Partnership Board were to have a different membership. It was suggested that as well as the TUC, other new members that should be considered, including representatives from:

- an environmental organisation;
- disability group;
- active travel;
- train and bus companies;
- young people,
- passenger groups.

3.4 The following recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee were reported to the Transport for the North Board:

- (a) That there should be a wider review of the membership of the Partnership Board, to include, amongst others, a youth representative.
- (b) That in relation to the current Terms of Reference of the Partnership Board, specifically relating to its role the following changes should be made:
 - 1) Reflecting the wider membership at (d) the word "business" should be omitted
 - 2) At paragraph (g) the words in bold italics should be added so this should read "To advise Transport for the North on the delivery **and adoption** of the proposals set out in the Strategic Transport Plan."
 - 3) That paragraph (h) should be deleted.
- (c) That the Partnership Board should hold its meetings in public, subject to confidentiality provisions.

3.5 At its meeting on 8 January 2020, the Transport for the North Board received and considered the recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee and resolved as follows:

- (a) That meetings of the Partnership Board should continue to be held in private
- (b) That the proposal be approved for six (6) new Members; three (3) from the TUC (one to attend each Partnership Board meeting) and one each from representatives of passengers, people with disabilities and environmental interests be added to the Partnership Board.

4. Recommendation:

4.1 That the information be received.

Appendices:

None

List of Background Documents

None

Required Considerations

Equalities:

Age		No
Disability		No
Gender Reassignment		No
Pregnancy and Maternity		No
Race		No
Religion or Belief		No
Sex		No
Sexual Orientation		No

Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Equalities	A full impact assessment has not been carried out because it is not relevant to this report.	Deborah Dimock	Julie Openshaw

Environment and Sustainability

	No
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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Sustainability / Environment including considerations regarding Active Travel and Wellbeing	A full impact assessment has not been carried out because it is not relevant to this report.	Deborah Dimock	Julie Openshaw

Legal

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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Legal	there are no legal implications as a result of this report	Deborah Dimock	Julie Openshaw

Finance

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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Finance	There are no new financial implications as a result of this report.	Deborah Dimock	Gareth Sutton

Resource

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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Resource	Transport for the North HR Team has confirmed there are no new	Deborah Dimock	Stephen Hipwell

	resource implications as a result of this report.		
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Risk

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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Risk	There are no new risks associated with this report.	Deborah Dimock	Julie Openshaw

Consultation

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Consideration	Comment	Responsible Officer	Director
Consultation	A public consultation has not been carried out because it is not relevant to this report. There has been full consultation of Transport for the North's Members and Constituent Authorities.	Deborah Dimock	Julie Openshaw