



PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Date: WEDNESDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2016 at 7.00 pm

**Mayor's Meeting Room
Civic Suite
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MEMBERS

All Members of the Council

Members are summoned to attend this meeting

**Barry Quirk
Chief Executive
Lewisham Town Hall
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Date: 29 September 2016**



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Agenda Item 1

PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE		
Report Title	APPOINTMENT/CONFIRMATION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR	
Key Decision		Item No. 1
Ward		
Contributors	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
Class	Part 1	Date: 9 June 2016

Recommendation

It is recommended that a Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee be appointed for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

Agenda Item 2

PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE		
Report Title	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Key Decision		Item No. 2
Ward		
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: 5 October 2016

Members are asked to declare any personal interest they have in any item on the agenda.

1 Personal interests

There are three types of personal interest referred to in the Council's Member Code of Conduct :-

- (1) Disclosable pecuniary interests
- (2) Other registerable interests
- (3) Non-registerable interests

2 Disclosable pecuniary interests are defined by regulation as:-

- (a) Employment, trade, profession or vocation of a relevant person* for profit or gain
- (b) Sponsorship –payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than by the Council) within the 12 months prior to giving notice for inclusion in the register in respect of expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member or towards your election expenses (including payment or financial benefit from a Trade Union).
- (c) Undischarged contracts between a relevant person* (or a firm in which they are a partner or a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest) and the Council for goods, services or works.
- (d) Beneficial interests in land in the borough.
- (e) Licence to occupy land in the borough for one month or more.
- (f) Corporate tenancies – any tenancy, where to the member's knowledge, the Council is landlord and the tenant is a firm in which the relevant person* is a

partner, a body corporate in which they are a director, or in the securities of which they have a beneficial interest.

- (g) Beneficial interest in securities of a body where:-
- (a) that body to the member's knowledge has a place of business or land in the borough; and
 - (b) either
 - (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that body; or
 - (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person* has a beneficial interest exceeds 1/100 of the total issued share capital of that class.

*A relevant person is the member, their spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom they live as spouse or civil partner.

(3) Other registerable interests

The Lewisham Member Code of Conduct requires members also to register the following interests:-

- (a) Membership or position of control or management in a body to which you were appointed or nominated by the Council
- (b) Any body exercising functions of a public nature or directed to charitable purposes, or whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy, including any political party
- (c) Any person from whom you have received a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £25

(4) Non registerable interests

Occasions may arise when a matter under consideration would or would be likely to affect the wellbeing of a member, their family, friend or close associate more than it would affect the wellbeing of those in the local area generally, but which is not required to be registered in the Register of Members' Interests (for example a matter concerning the closure of a school at which a Member's child attends).

(5) Declaration and Impact of interest on members' participation

- (a) Where a member has any registerable interest in a matter and they are present at a meeting at which that matter is to be discussed, they must declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and in any

event before the matter is considered. The declaration will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting. If the matter is a disclosable pecuniary interest the member must take no part in consideration of the matter and withdraw from the room before it is considered. They must not seek improperly to influence the decision in any way. **Failure to declare such an interest which has not already been entered in the Register of Members' Interests, or participation where such an interest exists, is liable to prosecution and on conviction carries a fine of up to £5000**

- (b) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest they must still declare the nature of the interest to the meeting at the earliest opportunity and in any event before the matter is considered, but they may stay in the room, participate in consideration of the matter and vote on it unless paragraph (c) below applies.
- (c) Where a member has a registerable interest which falls short of a disclosable pecuniary interest, the member must consider whether a reasonable member of the public in possession of the facts would think that their interest is so significant that it would be likely to impair the member's judgement of the public interest. If so, the member must withdraw and take no part in consideration of the matter nor seek to influence the outcome improperly.
- (d) If a non-registerable interest arises which affects the wellbeing of a member, their, family, friend or close associate more than it would affect those in the local area generally, then the provisions relating to the declarations of interest and withdrawal apply as if it were a registerable interest.
- (e) Decisions relating to declarations of interests are for the member's personal judgement, though in cases of doubt they may wish to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer.

(6) Sensitive information

There are special provisions relating to sensitive interests. These are interests the disclosure of which would be likely to expose the member to risk of violence or intimidation where the Monitoring Officer has agreed that such interest need not be registered. Members with such an interest are referred to the Code and advised to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer in advance.

(7) Exempt categories

There are exemptions to these provisions allowing members to participate in decisions notwithstanding interests that would otherwise prevent them doing so. These include:-

- (a) Housing – holding a tenancy or lease with the Council unless the matter relates to your particular tenancy or lease; (subject to arrears exception)
- (b) School meals, school transport and travelling expenses; if you are a parent or guardian of a child in full time education, or a school governor unless the matter relates particularly to the school your child attends or of which you are a governor;
- (c) Statutory sick pay; if you are in receipt
- (d) Allowances, payment or indemnity for members
- (e) Ceremonial honours for members
- (f) Setting Council Tax or precept (subject to arrears exception)

Agenda Item 3

PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE		
Report Title	Questions Regarding Rail Issues	
Key Decision	No	Item No
Ward	All	
Contributors	Committee Support Officer	
Class		Date: 5 October 2016

1. Summary

This report informs members of the questions put forward ahead of the meeting to be addressed either in writing or in person.

2. Question regarding rail issues.

- a) Could we have an update on the reopening of London Bridge station through trains to Charing Cross and any possible impact on punctuality for Southern and South Eastern? (*M. Abrahams, Chair of Forest Hill Society*)
- b) Can we have an update on Thameslink services through the Catford Loop line? The short trains and lateness have been raised by the "Cinderella Line" Group and been the subject of many councillors' concerns. Stations include: Beckenham Hill, Bellingham, Catford, Crofton Park? (*Cllr Hall*)

(We are aware that Govia have recently announced proposals in 2018 which include the Catford Loop receiving 4 trains per hour in each direction. The Cinderella Line Group and Vicky Foxcroft MP were informed at a public meeting held in Crofton Park in September – please ask if they would like to attend to announce the good news to a wider Council group)

- c) Please could the committee discuss the changes to the Southeastern timetable over the second half of this year? We understand that, due to London Bridge works, the main central London trains will be changed so that some only stop at one central London station (Cannon St) whereas others will stop at 3 (London Bridge, Waterloo East and Charing Cross). Currently, most trains stop at 2 each (London Bridge & Cannon St, and Waterloo East and Charing Cross). These changes, particularly during rush hour are likely to main commuters' lives much more difficult with the main trains with 3 stops becoming increasingly overcrowded. As many of the rush hour trains are already horrifically overcrowded, these changes could present a real issue. (*Cllr Hooks*)

- d) We would like to press for late night Overground trains running south of New Cross Gate on Friday and Saturday nights. An extension to Crystal Palace, even for an hour. At present the last Southern train passes through Forest Hill at 00:50, but the last Overground train passes through Forest Hill at 00:15 (*M. Abrahams*)

- e) What can Lewisham do to make the exit from Forest Hill station safer? We have seen some temporary traffic lights on Perry Vale and believe that a permanent pedestrian crossing at this location would be improve safety for passengers approaching and leaving Forest Hill station. (*M. Abrahams*)

Agenda Item 4

PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE		
Report Title	Questions Regarding Bus Issues	
Key Decision	No	Item No
Ward	All	
Contributors	Committee Support Officer	
Class		Date: 5 October 2016

1. Summary

This report informs members of the questions put forward ahead of the meeting to be addressed either in writing or in person.

2. Questions regarding Bus Issues

- a) It would be useful to have a timetable of transitioning buses to electric/hybrid (and generally quieter, less polluting) buses - particularly on routes 185, 176, 172, 171, but others would also be welcome. (*M. Abrahams, Chair of Forest Hill Society*)

- b) I wanted to know the policy with regard to pushchairs on buses. Can pushchairs be left standing in the disabled area if there is no wheelchair needing that area - or do all pushchairs have to be folded down inside the bus? I have been told that some drivers insist that pushchairs are folded down. (*Cllr Clarke*)