



PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Date: TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2019 at 7.00 pm

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Councillor Patrick Codd	L
Councillor Liam Curran	Labour Co-op
Councillor Brenda Dacres	Labour Co-op
Councillor Sophie McGeevor	L

Members are summoned to attend this meeting

**Janel Senior
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Date: 9 September 2019**



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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Thursday 16 May at 7pm

Present: Councillor Curran (Chair), Councillor Walsh, Zoe Murphy (TfL), Greg Thompson (Network Rail), George Paterson (Southeastern), Conrad Bunyen (Stagecoach), Michael Woodhead (Cinderella Line Campaign), Geoffrey Thurley (Ladywell Society), Barry Milton (Sydenham Society), Alex Crush (Policy and Development Manager/Lead Officer), Sarah Assibey (Clerk)

Apologies: Councillor Dacres

1. Minutes

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

2. Questions Regarding Bus and Rail Issues

The following questions were submitted to the Committee for response at this meeting:

- 2.1. Given the recent reports in TfL budget pressures, can the Public Transport Liaison Committee receive an update on TfL finances:
 - a) Generally
 - b) In relation to Crossrail
 - c) in relation to the Bakerloo Line Extension
 - d) in relation to Lewisham borough projects specifically
- 2.2. Please may we have an update on the Rail Accident Investigation Branch report into the Lewisham railway incident on 2nd March 2018? A link to the report is here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/report-022019-self-detainment-of-passengers-onto-lines-that-were-still-open-to-traffic-and-electrically-live-at-lewisham>
- 2.3. There is a litter problem around Bellingham station. The Fellowship Inn is due to re-open in May and is located next to the station. This National Lottery funded and re-energised venue will bring new footfall and business to the area, undoubtedly including passengers on the Thameslink service. As the resident who contacted me pointed out, it is vital we show Bellingham in a better light than these currently photos demonstrate. Could Thameslink or Network Rail please respond?
- 2.4. What is the current state of play on the proposal by TfL to close ticket offices at 51 out of 81 Overground stations? This would have closed ticket offices at Honor Oak Park, Penge West and Anerley locally and further up the line at Dalston Junction, Haggerston, Rotherhithe, Shadwell, Shoreditch High Street, Surrey Quays and Wapping. This proposal was put on hold by TfL a few months ago. When will TfL come to a final decision on this?

- 2.5. Regarding the shortening of the 171 bus route. The recent report on the consultation and the decisions taken by TfL indicate that the 171 will not be curtailed (i.e. it will continue to Holborn) but the map shows that it will terminate at London Road, Elephant and Castle. Could TfL please clarify?
- 2.6. Could we get an assurance from TfL that Overground services will run throughout the night on New Year's Day to Crystal Palace?
2018/2019 was the first time in many years that we did not have a full service after 00:30 on New Year's Day, and I want to make sure it is reinstated for 2019/2020

3. Responses to Questions from Transport Operators

The following points were discussed in addition to the formal written responses (appended).

- 3.1. The next 6-12 months will be key in determining what capital funds are available, but nothing certain at the moment. The Bakerloo Line Extension is already in the business plan and the research modelling is taking place. The next stage of the consultation is planned to take place later this year, which will cover the more technical processes such as tunnel placement.

ACTION: The TfL representative will feed back to the Committee details about the spread of cost and the operating deficit change.

ACTION: Cllr Walsh also asked for assurance from TfL and the GLA that the work that is going on with the Mayor of London regarding opportunity zones and 2700 new homes in Catford, have been considered alongside BLE plans and when this will be delivered. He added that it is important not to downplay the problems this will cause for residents getting into London.

- 3.2. The findings and conclusions from the Southeastern operations team are similar, in this case, to that of the report on the failure of the train at Lewisham in March 2018. A significant issue was the battery life on the trains- after 45 minutes of no power running through the trains, the battery life expired, so no announcements were able to be made to passengers on the train.
- 3.3. The litter is a problem experienced across the network, and goes as far as Sussex so some areas of the issue or also covered by GTR/Thameslink. The Maintenance Section Co-ordinator is working with various teams to resolve the issue and has provided a window of complete of 3-4 weeks. The representative wanted to note that the local communities that GTR/Thameslink work with are valued and they are keen to resolve the issue.

Cllr Walsh suggested that Network Rail circulate a timeline or schedule of when the areas were last cleaned as this is also a problem at Catford station too.

- 3.4. Since the consultation, it has been announced that Anerley and Penge West, falling below the busiest stations at less than 12 transactions per hour, will

now open from 7.30am until 10.00am on weekdays and Honor Oak Park will be open during busy periods on weekdays too. Further information will be available later in the year, but TfL will provide any updates necessary.

- 3.5. The central London bus review consultation proposed that route 171 would no longer run between Elephant & Castle and Holborn. This change will come into effect on 15 June this year. There was a slight amendment to the proposal following the consultation as we reviewed terminal arrangements to provide better interchange between the 171 and other routes along London Road, as well as at Elephant & Castle Tabernacle stops.

Route 171 will swap stand workings with the 468. The 171 would then pick up and set down on London Road. This would give easy adjacent or same stop interchange with routes 168 and 188, to and from Holborn as well as access to the 68.

The set down stop for route 468 will move to Borough Road. The 468 has a very long parallel with the 68 and northbound customers would be able to change at any stop from West Norwood. Southbound customers would be unaffected as it would continue to interchange on London Road.

Councillor Walsh asked for an analysis of how many people will be affected by the interchange as those who begin the journey from the start will go beyond the 60 minute threshold for the second journey to be free. The Lead Officer queried that in such instances, will passengers are reimbursed for these particular interchanges, as disclosed in previous meetings. The TfL representative will be discussing such implications in an upcoming meeting and will be able to clarify the hopper fare

- 3.6. Plans are underway for NYE timings and are yet to be confirmed by TfL Underground and Overground. Colleagues are aware of the convenience of trains running later and this is what they are aiming towards.

4. Passenger Benefit Fund

GTR have launched the Passenger Benefit Fund, following disruptions experienced by passenger last summer- £15m will be contributed to provide tangible improvements for passengers across all routes and there are 5 stations in Lewisham that will have the funding- Catford, Bellingham, Beckenham Hill, Crofton Park and Deptford will each receive between £30k- £50k. A consultation process will be launched over the next few months to gather ideas for what improvements passengers would like to see at these stations. The deadline for submissions is 31st July 2019.

Councillor Walsh suggested that it would be useful if councillors from the wards that have the 5 stations in would get together to form a public meeting to discuss these improvements, prioritising accessibility over beautification. The Lead officer confirmed that supplementing or match-funding from CIL106 this money was possible.

The Network Rail representative confirmed the operator also has a stations fund for their control period 6- which has just started and ends in 2024, so he will look into this alongside the 5 stations due to be improved to ensure that whatever suggestions are brought forward, GTR already do not have plans to work on and that money is fairly distributed.

5. AOB

The following matters were discussed and updates were requested for each query:

- 5.1. The Lewisham Interchange Group meet frequently and the Committee should be informed of any relative updates
- 5.2. Councillor Walsh enquired about the following:
 - There is an issue of pavement clutter, i.e. burn out phone booths, and it was asked that TfL respond by informing how to request removal of clutter or have them revamped.
 - What enforcement for dangerous parking near mosques particularly on Fridays as there seems to be conflicting enforcement between Lewisham, the police and TfL
 - He also asked Network Rail and Thameslink about information points at stations and their reliability- the staff often cannot hear or there is some confusion in communication. Overall the system does not reflect good customer service. The stations in question are Waterloo East and Elephant and Castle.
 - On the Northbound platform at Catford station there is a building that does not appear to be in use, and requested information on its purpose and/or suggested use.
- 5.3. Stagecoach representative also asked for an update on a previous query regarding the parking on Walston Road at Perry Rise, particularly on a Sunday where buses are diverted away from the area because the road is blocked.
- 5.4. Southeastern collaborate with community teams to improve stations and their areas. Southeastern can be contacted via the Committee to begin the process.
- 5.5. Before the next stage of the Bakerloo Line Extension consultation, community groups need to be in line with what their delivery expectations are. It would be useful to get some consensus by way of a meeting and have that reflected in the response. It should be considered whether a formal meeting to discuss the extension or if it should be discussed more succinctly in the PTLC meeting.

The meeting finished at 7.58pm

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: 17 Septembet 2019

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 MEETING		
Report Title	Transport Questions	
Key Decision		Item No. 3
Ward	All	
Contributors	Chief Executive	
Class	Part 1	Date: 17 September 2019

Southeastern

1. *(question also for Network Rail)* What plans do Network Rail and South Eastern have to remove litter from and generally tidy up the embankments next to platforms 2 and 3 at Lewisham Station? **(Cllr Patrick Codd)**
2. Residents in Grove Park (and also Lee Green) have raised concerns that Southeastern Services in 'rush hour' evening slots are not stopping at Lee, resulting in more crowded trains for those that do, and longer gaps. After London Bridge, first stop is New Eltham for example. I have had some anecdotal comments that services on the Sidcup line are not as reliable/on time/good as other lines, e.g. these to Tunbridge Wells/Ramsgate etc - so would be useful to see if this is purely anecdotal, by seeing some service figures **(Cllr Hilary Moore)**
3. *(question also for Thameslink)* When will the stations in Catford be cleaned up, in particular the scrubland around them. **(Cllr James-J Walsh)**

Network Rail

4. *(question also for South Eastern)* What update is there on the potential of bringing back into use the London Bound ticket office at Catford Bridge Station? What update is there on the Network Rail arches in Catford available for commercial use? For those not in use, what plan is there to bring them in use; those currently in use, how can you help improve the quality of frontages? **(Cllr James-J Walsh)**
5. What is the timetable for the planned access improvements to Hither Green Station? **(Cllr Patrick Codd)**
6. What update is there on the potential of bringing back into use the London Bound ticket office at Catford Bridge Station? What update is there on the Network Rail arches in Catford available for commercial use? For those not in

use, what plan is there to bring them in use; those currently in use, how can you help improve the quality of frontages? **(Cllr James-J Walsh)**

TfL

7. I had read that the 225 bus route was planned to be extended beyond Hither Green Station. Is this the case and if so, what are the next steps, what are the proposals and when will they be implemented? **(Cllr Patrick Codd)**
8. Overground officers have indicated that there is capacity on the line to potentially run two more Overground trains per hour to and from Crystal Palace. Does the Overground have plans to expand their service in this way in the near future? **(Barry Milton, Sydenham Society)**
9. Can we have an update as to where TfL is at with the Bakerloo Line Extension as promised in Sadiq Khan's manifesto **(Cllr James-J Walsh)**
10. When will the non-operational/burnt out/damaged phone boxes along the red route in Catford be removed? They've been non-functioning for several years. **(Cllr James-J Walsh)**

Thameslink

11. When will the *promised* access lifts be installed at Catford station **(Cllr James-J Walsh)**
12. When will the outcome from the passenger benefit fund be announced. **(Cllr James-J Walsh)**