

Board

**Transport
for London**



Date: 27 June 2012

Item 12: Report of the Finance and Policy Committee held on 31 May 2012

This paper will be considered in public

1 Summary

- 1.1 To report to the Board on the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held on 31 May 2012.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Board note the report.**

3 Background

- 3.1 The main matters considered by the Committee were:
- (a) Operational and Financial Performance Report – Fourth Quarter 2011/12;
 - (b) Local Government Resource Review;
 - (c) Crossrail: Application for Transport and Works Act Order at Whitechapel;
 - (d) Department for Transport Reforming our Railways Paper and Consultations; and
 - (e) Metronet Put Options.

4 Issues Discussed

Operational and Financial Performance Report – Fourth Quarter 2011/12

- 4.1 The Committee noted the report, which set out TfL's Operational and Financial Performance during the fourth quarter of 2011/12 (11 December 2011 – 31 March 2012). The report appears as a separate item elsewhere on the agenda.

Local Government Resource Review

- 4.2 The Committee noted the expected impact on TfL of the Local Government Resource Review, following the publication by the Department for Communities and Local Government of a 'Statement of Intent' that made explicit reference to TfL's funding arrangements. The Secretary of State for Transport had written to the Mayor, to clarify that the new arrangements

should not be construed as a weakening of the Government's support for TfL, and that her intention is that these proposed changes should not reduce the amount of money available to TfL over the Spending Review period. TfL was in discussion with the Greater London Authority on how the process would work. TfL was also briefing the credit rating agencies regarding the proposed changes.

Crossrail: Application for Transport and Works Act Order at Whitechapel

- 4.3 The Committee recommended that the Board approve Crossrail Limited (CRL) making an application for a Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) authorising acquisition and/or temporary use of land to facilitate Crossrail works at Whitechapel. The Committee also noted CRL's plans for pre-application consultation at Plumstead and Paddington. CRL's application for a TWAO at Whitechapel appears as a separate item elsewhere on the agenda.

Department for Transport Reforming our Railways Paper and Consultations

- 4.4 The Committee noted the recent Department for Transport (DfT) documents: 'Reforming our railways: putting the customer first' paper; 'Rail decentralisation' consultation; and 'Rail fares and ticketing review' consultation. The papers formed the Government's response to the McNulty 'Rail value for money' review, published in May 2012. The Committee also noted and commented on the proposed response to the DfT's Rail Decentralisation Consultation, which would be signed off in consultation with the Mayor.

Metronet Put Options

- 4.5 The Committee noted the legal advice on the consequential issues in relation to the settlement of the Put Option Price to the former lenders to the Metronet Companies.

List of appendices to this report:

None

List of Background Papers:

Papers for the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee held on 31 May 2012.

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