

Skills Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission

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Equality and Accessibility

Item No

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Outline

Equality & Accessibility

The discussion will cover the impact of proposed transport changes on equality and accessibility for vulnerable groups like low income employment groups, the disabled and elderly. The discussion will also cover: the consultation process, costs, how the needs of vulnerable groups are taken into consideration, the risks and the actions taken to mitigate negative impacts.

The Panel

- Chair of Commission
- Transport for London
- London Borough of Hackney
- London TravelWatch
- RMT Union
- Social Eyes and Disability Backup.

Question
1. What consideration is given to people who work unsocial hours to get to and from work and people who are on a low income and considering their access to buses when making decisions about changes to bus services?
2. What action is being taken to mitigate the risks and negative impact from the changes to the bus services for vulnerable groups – low income, disabled and elderly - in Hackney?
3. What incentives does the Council provide to staff to encourage cycling, walking, carpool, or use of public transport to commute to and from work? Can the council encourage local businesses, hospitals, schools etc. to adopt policies that encourage the above?
4. What policies do TfL have in place to ensure the transport and

provision of services for local economies encourage cycling, walking or to use public transport to commute to and from work?

5. How are vulnerable groups like the disabled or people with low income taken into consideration when decisions are being made about changes to transport routes and services?

6. How do TfL capture the needs of disability groups in relation to the provision of transport services and bus routes?