

Article 5: Authority Meetings, Procedure and Voting Arrangements

5.1 The Authority shall meet approximately once every eight weeks, but additional meetings may take place should the need arise.

5.2 There are three types of Authority meeting:-

- (a) the Annual Meeting;
- (b) ordinary meetings; and
- (c) extraordinary meetings;

and they will be convened and conducted in accordance with the Authority's Procedure Rules set out in Part 5A of this Constitution.

5.3 The Mayor and each Member of the Authority appointed by a Constituent Council shall have one vote.

5.4 Members of the Authority appointed by Non-constituent Councils will, in accordance with section 85(4), Local Transport Act 2008, be non-voting Members of the Authority. In accordance with section 85(5), Local Transport Act 2008, the Mayor and the Members appointed by Constituent Councils may resolve to extend the voting rights on defined matters to all or any of the Members appointed by Non-constituent Councils. At each meeting of the Authority the items of business on which Members of the Authority appointed by Non-constituent Councils may or may not vote shall be identified before those matters are considered.

5.5 . Subject to the provisions of any enactment, all questions coming or arising before the Authority shall be decided as follows:-

- (a) in respect of functions granted to the Authority by the 2014 Order, by a simple majority of the Members of the Authority, and any Substitute Members acting in place of Members of the Authority, present and voting. In the case of a tied vote on any motion or amendment, the motion or amendment shall be deemed to have been lost. The Chair of the Authority shall **not** have a second or casting vote .
- (b) In respect of functions granted to the Authority by the 2020 Order that are not Mayoral Functions (functions reserved to the Mayor in accordance with article 14 of the 2020 Order), by the Mayor and a majority of at least 75% of the Members (or Substitute Members) of the Constituent Councils who are present and voting.

- (c) With regard to the functions referred to in (b) above, in the case where at least 100% of the Members (or Substitute Members) of the Constituent Councils present and voting support a question coming or arising before the Authority on such a function the Mayor will, unless the Mayor makes a statement to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting as to why the Mayor cannot support the proposal, facilitate the collective position of the Constituent Councils and vote with the Members of the Constituent Councils
 - (d) In respect of Mayoral Functions, the Mayor will consult with the Authority and obtain the consents of the relevant Members at an Authority meeting, as required by the 2020 Order.
- 5.6 The proceedings of the Authority shall not be invalidated by any vacancy among its Members or Substitute Members or by any defect in the appointment or qualifications of any Member or Substitute Member.
- 5.7 The Authority may make standing orders for the regulation of its proceedings and business and may vary or revoke any such orders.