

# Michael Roberts appointed as new CEO of London TravelWatch

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London TravelWatch has today welcomed Michael Roberts as its new chief executive officer.

Michael will join London's independent transport watchdog in January 2023, leading a team representing the views of millions of people who travel on London's transport network.

Arthur Leathley, chair of London TravelWatch, said: "I am very pleased that Michael will join London TravelWatch. Michael has wide experience of transport from his previous senior roles and is also very familiar with the key issues that affect millions of people travelling in London. At a time of great change, Michael's knowledge and skill will be invaluable."

The appointment comes as transport users across London face increasing challenges, with London TravelWatch demanding improvements on key issues such as personal security, retaining quality bus services, communication across all services, and making sure transport is accessible for everyone.

Michael has 30 years' experience in advocacy and influencing public policy, much of it relating to transport. He has been director general at the Rail Delivery Group (RDG) and chief executive at the

Association of Train Operating Companies (ATOC), and represented the interests of business transport users as a director at the CBI. His most recent role was as chief executive of Water UK and he is a former board member of The Carbon Trust.

During his career, Michael has been involved in successful campaigns to secure increased investment nationally across all modes of transport, introduce congestion charging in London and adopt the route of the Channel Tunnel Rail Link into London. He is also a former member of the Commission for Integrated Transport, and the Motorists' Forum.

Michael said: "Transport is integral to the life of every Londoner, yet the challenges involved in delivering an affordable, efficient and green transport system, accessible to all, have rarely been greater.

"The views of the travelling public matter more than ever and, together with the London TravelWatch team, I look forward to ensuring their voice is heard by decision-makers at this critical time."

Joanna Davidson will continue as interim CEO of London TravelWatch until Michael starts in the new year, ensuring a smooth transition.