

# Subject: Walk This Way: Making Walking Easier and Safer in London

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 3 November 2010

This report will be considered in public

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out Caroline Pidgeon AM's rapporteur's report, on behalf of the Transport Committee, *Walk the Way: Making Walking Easier and Safer in London*.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee agrees the report: *Walk this Way: Making Walking Easier and Safer in London*.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee recommends to the Assembly that it uses its powers under section 60 (1) of the Greater London Authority Act (as amended) to request that the Mayor respond to the report.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The Transport Committee agreed at its meeting on 23 June 2010 to recommend to the Business Management and Administration Committee (BMAC) that Caroline Pidgeon AM be appointed as a rapporteur to investigate initiatives to make it easier and safer to walk in London. BMAC agreed the appointment at its meeting on 20 July 2010.
- 3.2 The terms of reference for this investigation were:
- To explore, with relevant organisations, different initiatives to make it easier and safer to walk in London which could deliver a sustained increase in walking; and
  - In light of the findings, make recommendations to the Mayor and TfL on initiatives to prioritise in '2011 the year of walking', and any other actions to take to help ensure the 'year of walking' leads to a sustained increase in walking.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The draft report is attached as **Appendix 1** (for Members only) for the Committee's consideration and agreement. It is also available at <http://www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/the-london-assembly/publications>.
- 4.2 The report recommends: that Transport for London and the Mayor should improve the physical environment for walking by developing the Key Walking Route programme across London, promoting local involvement, facilitating informal design reviews and promoting one large-scale pedestrianisation project; that promotion for the 2011 Year of Walking should include a London-wide series of events and be linked to a short-term incentivisation project and longer-term behavioural change campaigns; and that information and wayfinding improvements should be targeted at expanding Legible London and improving the online journey planner.
- 4.3 The report and its recommendations fall within the terms of reference.
- 4.4 As part of the rapporteurship, Caroline Pidegon AM and other Members of the Committee held informal meetings with:
- Representatives from Sustrans, the Campaign for Better Transport, Living Streets, Walk England and Space Syntax on 7 September 2010;
  - Representatives of the GLA Transport Team on 1 September 2010; and
  - Representatives from TfL on 6 October 2010.

## 5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

## 6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

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### List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – *Walk this Way: Making Walking Easier and Safer in London*

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
List of Background Papers: None
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