

Subject: Committee Work Programme 2010/11

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 provides an update of the Transport Committee's progress against its work programme.

2. Recommendations

2.1 **That the Committee agrees the work programme as set out in this report.**

2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair to agree, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, the detailed scope for the Committee's topic(s) for investigation in early 2011 including the terms of reference.**

2.3 **That the Committee notes that its work on serious disruption to London's rail services due to snowfall in late 2009/early 2010 has been reflected in the findings and recommendations of the final report of the national Winter Resilience Review Panel.**

3. Background

3.1 The Committee receives a report monitoring the progress of its work programme at each meeting.

3.2 On 2 March 2010 the Committee agreed a work programme for use as a basis for planning its work during 2010/11. This has been subject to some changes to take account of external factors and developments. The table below shows all the scheduled dates of meetings in 2010/11 and the main topics and other items for discussion. The items for future meetings are subject to change to enable the Committee to respond to matters at short notice.

Date of meeting	Main topic and any other items for discussion
26 May 2010	Delivery of the orbital rail network; PPP update
23 June 2010	Accessibility of the transport network
9 September 2010	Accessibility of the transport network; Incident involving an engineering train on the Northern line
12 October 2010	Barclays cycle hire scheme and cycle superhighways
3 November 2010	Transport for the 2012 Games
12 January 2011	Transport for the 2012 Games; Crossrail

Date of meeting	Main topic and any other items for discussion
2 February 2011	Main topics/items for these meetings to be formally agreed at later dates.
9 March 2011	

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The following paragraphs provide an update on work that has been formally agreed and is ongoing or items that the Committee has expressed interest in.

Main topics for investigation

Delivery of the London Overground orbital rail network

- 4.2 The Committee discussed the delivery of improvements to the London Overground orbital rail network in May. It published its findings in the form of a letter to the Mayor in July 2010. The Mayor's response to this letter is being reported to this meeting.

Improving the accessibility of the transport network

- 4.3 The Committee is undertaking an investigation into the accessibility of public transport. It has held two meetings and conducted a number of site visits. The Committee's report and recommendations is now being produced.

Barclays cycle hire scheme and the cycle superhighways

- 4.4 The Committee is undertaking an investigation into the initial impact of the Barclays cycle superhighways and the cycle hire scheme. At its last meeting, the Committee heard from, and questioned, representatives of TfL, Serco, the London Cycling Campaign and the London Borough Officers' Cycling Group about these schemes. It has also obtained users' views, via an on-line survey, and written submissions from a range of organisations. The Committee's report and recommendations is now being prepared.

Transport for the 2012 Games

- 4.5 The Committee is undertaking an investigation into transport for the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. It will be using this meeting and its next meeting on 12 January 2011 to discuss this matter in detail. This is covered in more detail in a separate report to this meeting.

Crime and personal safety on the transport network

- 4.6 In March 2010, the Committee identified crime and personal safety issues across the public transport network as another potential topic for detailed investigation. This investigation could cover passengers' perceptions of crime and personal safety on all transport modes including London Underground, buses and overground rail and the value for money/efficiency of policing on the transport system. It could include: the effectiveness of TfL's investment in the Metropolitan Police's Transport Operational Command Unit and British Transport Police; the operational control for such policing including who monitors their effectiveness and sets priorities; and the responsibility of train operating companies for addressing crime and safety issues on the rail network.

Other potential issues for detailed investigation

- 4.7 Since March 2010, other issues have emerged which could be investigated in detail by the Transport Committee. These include: the efficiency of London's road network; the safety of the Tube network; and the impact of Government spending cuts on TfL's services. There is now informal consultation amongst Members to identify topic(s) for detailed investigation in early 2011. As the Committee will not be meeting in December, it is proposed that the Committee delegate authority to the Chair to agree, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, the detailed scope for the Committee's topic(s) for investigation in early 2011. This will provide for work to begin on any selected topic(s) at the earliest opportunity.

Other potential topics for discussion at meetings

- 4.8 The following have been identified as potential topics for the Committee to explore through short question and answer sessions at meetings in 2010/11 rather than through detailed investigations:
- Road works. This could be wide-ranging covering: different types of road works including bridge closures; how roadworks affect all road users including pedestrians and cyclists; how roadworks are co-ordinated across London; and the impact of the Mayor's permit scheme. This topic might be covered through any detailed investigation into the efficiency of the road network in 2011.
 - Crossrail. The Committee could follow up its initial report on Crossrail at its meeting in January 2011; one year on from its previous meeting on Crossrail. In September, the Committee and the Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee sent a joint letter to the Government urging it to maintain its planned investment in Crossrail and upgrading the Tube as part of the outcomes of the comprehensive spending review.
 - Motorcyclists' safety including motorcyclists using bus lanes. At the end of June 2010, TfL published the results of an eighteenth-month trial to allow motorcyclists to ride in the 418 bus lanes on TfL's Road Network. A further eighteenth-month trial started on 24 July 2010.¹

Rapporteurships

- 4.9 Two topics have been identified for potential rapporteurship investigations:
- Walking – Caroline Pidgeon AM. This investigation, which started in July 2010, has explored initiatives to make it easier and safer to walk around London. The rapporteur's report setting out the findings and recommendations is being reported to this meeting for formal approval.
 - Use of Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding for transport initiatives – Jenny Jones AM. This could cover how far London Boroughs are using LIP funding for initiatives in support of the Mayor's transport policies. There have recently been changes to how London Boroughs can use LIP funding so it has been proposed that this rapporteurship take place in 2011 to provide time for the impact of these changes to be more fully assessed. This may also be subject to change in light of the impact of the Government's comprehensive spending review on TfL's budget and the funding available for local transport projects.

Recent Transport Committee work and follow-up work

- 4.10 At its meeting on 9 September 2010, the Committee received a report detailing how its work on the impact of snowfall on London's transport network in 2009 had been highlighted in the interim report of the independent Winter Resilience Review Panel. This Panel was set up by the Government to review the transport industry's response across the UK during severe winter weather and identify measures that could be implemented to improve this response.

¹ New Motorcycles in Bus Lanes trial begins this weekend, TfL press release, 23 July 2010

- 4.11 The Panel has now published its final report with findings and recommendations on rail services that correspond with the Committee's work in February 2010 on train operating companies' response to snowfall in London in late 2009/early 2010. For example, the Panel has concluded that there is an accountability gap surrounding the implementation of 'contingency' rail timetables during bad weather. It highlighted Southeastern's decision to drastically reduce its service in 2009/10 and suggests there is a public and consumer interest in enabling these decisions to be reviewed after the event in a transparent way. It has recommended that: Network Rail and train operating companies be encouraged to ensure consistent criteria is developed for decision-making about contingency timetables and then applied during winter conditions; the Department for Transport develops a mechanism to hold Network Rail to account for decisions about the implementation of contingency timetables; and the rail industry continues to develop technical solutions to improve winter resilience particularly on the third rail network south of the Thames. A copy of the report is available at: <http://transportwinterresilience.independent.gov.uk/>
- 4.12 In order to assist the Committee to check on progress with its recent work, the table below details this work and the dates by when responses from the Mayor and/or TfL have been requested. This table will be updated as the Committee produces further work and reported to each meeting.

Transport Committee work	Date by when Mayor/TfL response due
<i>Streets Ahead – Relieving congestion on Oxford Street, Regent Street and Bond Street</i> - Victoria Borwick AM's rapporteurship report, February 2010	The rapporteur has recently written to TfL following its initial response. TfL has been asked to respond by 21 November 2010.
<i>Walk this Way: Making it easier and safer to walk in London</i> - Caroline Pidgeon AM's rapporteurship report, October 2010	Subject to agreement of the report at this meeting, a formal response from the Mayor will be sought prior to December 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.

List of appendices to this report:

None.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers: Minutes of meeting on 12 October 2010.

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