

Subject: Transport Committee Work Programme

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 12 November 2014

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 This report sets out the work programme for 2014/15.

2. Recommendations

2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme for 2014/15, 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, a response to Network Rail's consultation on the draft South East Route: Sussex Area Route Study.**

3. Background

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

4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 The table below sets out the scheduled dates of the Committee's meetings in 2014/15 and lists the main topic proposed for each meeting at this stage. The topics for future meetings are subject to change as the Committee develops proposals for its work. The work programme also provides for the Committee to respond to any matters that arise at short notice.

Transport Committee meeting date	Proposed topic(s)
Wednesday 10 December 2014	Cycling
Wednesday 14 January 2015	Crossrail and Crossrail 2
Wednesday 25 February 2015	Q&A with TfL
Wednesday 18 March 2015	Future ticketing

Topics identified for the work programme

- 4.2 The following paragraphs provide further details of the main topics that the Committee has identified for 2014/15. The Committee has a rolling work programme so it is always possible for some topics to be explored in subsequent years.

Future of the Tube

- 4.3 The Committee used its meeting in June 2014 to explore the future of the Tube including: recent progress with Tube upgrades and the future milestones; the performance of the Tube; and proposals for the Tube to run at night from autumn 2015. The Committee followed up this meeting with a site visit in July and a video conference call with the New York City Transit in August to identify any lessons London could learn from the operation and upgrade of the subway in New York. The Committee published its findings from this work, in the form of a letter to the Mayor, in October 2014.

Taxi and private hire

- 4.4 The Committee used its meetings in July and September 2014 to gather evidence for its investigation into taxi and private hire services in London. The Committee has also commissioned surveys of taxi and private hire users and drivers, obtained written submissions, undertaken a site visit, and held a separate meeting with taxi and private hire stakeholders to obtain further views and information. The Committee is now producing its report setting out its findings and recommendations on taxi and private hire services.

Mayor's 2050 Infrastructure Plan

- 4.5 The Committee used its meeting in October to explore the transport aspects of the Mayor's draft 2050 Infrastructure Plan. The Committee has subsequently produced a response to the consultation on the draft 2050 Infrastructure Plan.

Door-to-door transport

- 4.6 The Committee is using this meeting to explore the current operation of Dial-a-Ride and other door-to-door transport services and the future developments for these services. This is the subject of a separate item on the agenda for this meeting.

Cycling

- 4.7 It is proposed that the Committee explores progress in improving cycling in London at its December meeting. This consideration of cycling will provide an opportunity to follow up the Committee's past work on cyclists' safety including its reports *Gearing Up* (November 2012) and *Cycling in London – an update* (February 2014) and its discussion about recent developments with cycling projects at its last meeting.
- 4.8 The Committee responded to TfL's consultations on the draft cycle safety action plan and draft London Cycling Design Standards in July 2014. The Committee is also responding to TfL's consultations on the proposals for new north-south and east-west Superhighways and upgrades to existing Cycle Superhighway 2.

Crossrail

- 4.9 It is proposed that the Committee explores progress with Crossrail at its meeting in January 2015. The Committee has checked on progress with the development of Crossrail each year since it published its report on Crossrail in February 2010.

Future ticketing

- 4.10 It is proposed that the Committee could also explore future ticketing arrangements at its meeting in January 2015. TfL introduced contactless bankcard payment on buses in July and on other modes in

September 2014. This meeting will provide an opportunity for the Committee to follow up its past work on ticketing including its report *The Future of Ticketing* (November 2011).

High Speed2 and Crossrail 2

- 4.11 The Committee may explore progress with High Speed 2 (HS2) and Crossrail 2 at a meeting in 2014/15. The Committee has responded to consultations on HS2 in the past. The Committee responded to TfL's consultation on Crossrail 2 in July 2014.

Rail issues

- 4.12 The Committee might explore a range of rail issues at a meeting in 2014/15. These may include overcrowding, punctuality and the reliability of train services serving London and the capital's rail infrastructure compared to the rest of the UK. It may also cover progress with upgrading London Overground and the Mayor's aspirations to secure more control of London's suburban rail services.
- 4.13 Following Lead Members meeting representatives of Network Rail, Southern and London TravelWatch on 9 July 2014, the Transport Committee wrote to Network Rail and Southern about issues at London Bridge station including delays in hot weather. Network Rail and Southern responded to the Committee's letter positively. The Committee will continue to keep the redevelopment of London Bridge station under review.

Question and answer session with TfL

- 4.14 It is proposed that the Committee uses its meeting in February 2015 for a question and answer session with the Commissioner of TfL. These sessions provide an opportunity to explore a range of transport issues, TfL Board and Committee discussions and decisions, and follow up topics which the Committee has covered in its past reports and recommendations.

Rapporteurship on TfL customer service

- 4.15 The GLA Oversight Committee agreed on 23 July 2014 to appoint Valerie Shawcross CBE AM as rapporteur to follow up her previous investigation into TfL's customer service (January 2012). This investigation is focusing on TfL's progress in improving its customer service including in developing a single customer charter.¹ The rapporteur is gathering views and information for this investigation.

Responses to transport-related consultations

- 4.16 The Committee recently responded to TfL's consultation on a proposed extension of the London Overground to Barking Riverside. The Committee will also be responding to TfL's current consultation on the proposed extension of the Bakerloo line south from Elephant & Castle.
- 4.17 The Committee may wish to respond to Network Rail's current consultation on South East Route: Sussex Area Route Study which sets out the strategic vision over the next thirty years for various rail services including the suburban network of radial rail routes in south central inner and outer London and the orbital routes of the west and east London lines. The deadline for responding to this consultation is 13 January 2015. It is proposed that the Committee delegate authority to the Chair to agree any Committee responses in consultation with Party Group Lead Members.

¹ Full report at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Customer%20Service%20Report%20-%20FINAL%20DRAFT.pdf>

Other possible topics

- 4.18 Members have suggested a range of other possible topics for the Transport Committee's work programme. These include:
- Freight transport issues.
 - Progress in addressing congestion on Oxford Street. This may be covered at a meeting outside the formal schedule of Committee meetings.
 - Fly-unders on London's road network.

Responses to recent Transport Committee work

- 4.19 This section of the work programme provides details of any responses due from the Mayor, TfL and/or others to Committee work.

Transport Committee work	Details of responses due (if appropriate)
The Future of the Tube (October 2014)	The Committee requested a response from the Mayor and/or TfL on 23 October 2014.

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 arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers: None

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