

Subject: Planning Committee Work Programme 2014/15

Report to: Planning Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 18 November 2014

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the Committee's work programme for the remainder of 2014/15.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee agrees its work programme for the remainder of 2014/15, as set out in this report.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee agrees that the main agenda item for its next meeting on 22 January 2015 will focus on issues surrounding the long-term options for accommodating future growth on brownfield land within London's boundaries, or whether greenfield sites should be considered as a location for future development.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee receives a report monitoring the progress of its work programme at each meeting.
- 3.2 The Planning Committee's remaining scheduled dates for the year 2014/15 are as follows:
- 22 January 2015
 - 18 March 2015
- 3.3 At the meeting of the former Business Management and Administration Committee (predecessor of the GLA Oversight Committee) held on 9 February 2005, it was agreed that, if during the year a committee modified its approved work programme and/or number of meetings in response to topical events, and an ad hoc extra meeting was called for, that would be permitted if the Members of the committee concerned agreed; if two or more Members of that committee did not agree to a

proposal for an extra meeting, the matter would be referred to the GLA Oversight Committee for determination.¹

4. Issues for Consideration

Planning Committee meeting 22 January 2015 – Accommodating London’s future growth – what are the options for brownfield or greenfield development?

- 4.1 Early in 2015 London will surpass its previous 1939 population peak of 8.6 million. The GLA Intelligence Unit has produced projections for London’s population that suggest that between 2011 and 2050, overall population growth in London is projected at 3.1 million or 37 per cent. This puts London’s population at around 11.27 million by 2050.
- 4.2 The Mayor’s existing approach to the spatial development of London is clear. “Growth and change in London will be managed in order to realise the Mayor’s vision for London’s sustainable development” and that “growth will be supported and managed across all parts of London to ensure it takes place within the current boundaries of Greater London without: encroaching on the Green Belt, or on London’s protected open spaces, or having unacceptable impacts on the environment.”²
- 4.3 The Mayor’s draft Infrastructure Plan confirms this approach – but only up until 2025. It sets out how the Mayor will encourage development in Opportunity Areas and Intensification Areas, confirming his determination to retain London’s current Green Belt boundaries for the foreseeable future, given the large reservoir of brownfield land within the capital that will accommodate growth at least until 2025. It discusses scenarios that assist in thinking about where, within and beyond the capital further growth could occur, as a precursor to the next full revision of the London Plan after 2016.
- 4.4 It is recommended that Members use the next meeting of the Planning Committee, on 22 January 2015, to issues surrounding the long-term options for accommodating future growth on brownfield land within London’s boundaries, or whether greenfield sites should be considered as locations for future development.
- 4.5 Members may wish to discuss a number of themes, for example:
- What is the likely land use requirement for all new homes, jobs and supporting infrastructure in the medium term and the period after 2025?
 - What is London’s brownfield land capacity and how can this be maximised by unlocking sites that are currently unviable for development?
 - How might greenfield sites, and other open space in London, be developed sustainably to meet the demand for housing?
 - What are the relative advantages and disadvantages of pursuing these options?
 - Are there any other options that would negate the need to build on London’s green and open spaces?

¹ <http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s36184/Committee%20Timetable%202014-15.pdf>

² London Plan Policy 1.1 – Delivering the strategic vision and objectives for London

Future workprogramme items

- 4.6 At the beginning of the Assembly Year, Members suggested a number of topics as work programme items. This list has been supplemented by additional suggested topics as the year has progressed. The items that now form the long list of potential projects include:

- GLA land and property assets;
- London's mixed and balanced communities;
- Tall buildings and London's skyline;
- Estate regeneration; and
- Social infrastructure provision.

Recently completed work

- 4.7 A report elsewhere on this agenda detail the Committee's recently completed work on the consultation on the London Infrastructure Plan 2050.

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 direct financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: none

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List of Background Papers: None
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