

Subject: Transport Committee Work Programme

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 10 December 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, the Committee's report on taxi and private hire services and a response to Network Rail's consultation on the draft Anglia Route Study.**

2.3 **That the Committee notes:**

(a) **The letter from the Transport Commissioner following up the Committee's response on the Safer Lorries Scheme consultation, as set out at Appendix 1;**

(b) **The response to the Chiltern Railways consultation on the proposed changes to its draft timetable, as set out at Appendix 2; and**

(c) **The letter from London City Airport following up the Committee's joint response with the Environment Committee on the London Airspace Management Programme consultation, as set out at Appendix 3.**

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 overleaf sets out the remaining 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 14 January 2015	Crossrail and Crossrail 2
Wednesday 25 February 2015	Q&A with Transport for London
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. It is proposed that the Committee delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the report to enable its publication shortly after this meeting.

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 used its meeting in November to explore the current operation of Dial-a-Ride and other door-to-door transport services and the future developments for these services. Minutes from this meeting are considered under separate item on the agenda for this meeting.

Cycling

- 4.7 At this meeting the Committee will discuss cycling. This 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).

Question and answer session with TfL

- 4.11 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

- 4.12 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

- 4.13 A letter has been received from the Transport Commissioner following the Committee's response to TfL's Safer Lorries Scheme consultation. The letter is attached at **Appendix 1**. 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.
- 4.14 Network Rail is currently consulting on a number of draft route studies, which set out strategic plans for rail services in different regions. The Committee has agreed to respond to the Sussex area route study. It is also proposed that the Committee delegate authority to the Chair to agree any Committee response to the draft Anglia route study, in consultation with Party Group Lead Members. Chiltern Railways has launched a consultation on proposed changes to its timetable². The Committee is asked to note the response to the proposed timetable changes, agreed by the Chair under delegated Authority, attached at **Appendix 2**.
- 4.15 The Committee has received a letter from London City Airport following the Committee's joint response with the Environment Committee to the London City Airport consultation on the London Airspace Management Programme. The response is attached at **Appendix 3**. At its meeting on 19 November, the Assembly agreed to write to the Secretary of State for Transport and Civil Aviation Authority to express concerns about the consultation process.

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

² <http://www.chilternrailways.co.uk/news/september-2015-timetable-consultation>

Responses to recent Transport Committee work

- 4.16 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:

Appendix 1: Letter from Transport Commissioner re Safer Lorries Scheme

Appendix 2: Consultation response to Chiltern Railways

Appendix 3: Letter from London City Airport re London Airspace Management Programme

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers: None

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