

Subject: Cycling in London

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 provides background information to the Transport Committee in relation to its meeting with invited guests to discuss cycling in London.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report and puts questions on cycling in London to the invited guests and notes the discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee has agreed to use this meeting to discuss cycling in London. This will cover progress in delivering the Mayor's Vision for Cycling and encouraging more people to make journeys by bike, including exploring developments with the Cycle Superhighways, Quietways and Mini-Holland programmes. It provides an opportunity for the Committee to follow up its previous reports and recommendations including its report on improving cyclists' safety, *Gearing Up* (November 2012)
- 3.2 The Mayor's Cycling Commissioner has indicated that the Cycling Vision is now moving from the planning phase to the delivery phase. Transport for London (TfL) has recently published consultations on key elements of the Vision including proposals for North-South and East-West Cycle Superhighways. The proposals have faced criticism in some quarters, including from the City of London, for failing to adequately address the needs of other road users, including pedestrians. Delivery of many of the key elements of the Vision are dependent on the co-operation of London's boroughs, and there has been mixed progress in overcoming local objections to proposed changes.
- 3.3 TfL and British Cycling signed a partnership agreement in 2014 to work together to increase levels of cycling by people from all backgrounds including women, disabled cyclists and black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) groups. This is considered to be an important step in meeting the Mayor's target of a 5 per cent mode share for cycling in the capital by 2026.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The following guests have been invited to attend this meeting to discuss cycling in London:
- Andrew Gilligan, Mayor’s Cycling Commissioner;
 - Michael Welbank MBE, Chair, Planning and Transportation Committee, City of London Corporation;
 - Iain Simmons, Assistant Director City Transportation, City of London Corporation;
 - Cllr Julian Bell, Chair of Transport and Environment Committee, London Councils;
 - Dr Rachel Aldred, Senior Transport Lecturer, University of Westminster and Chair of Policy Forum, London Cycling Campaign;
 - Joe Irvin, Chief Executive, Living Streets; and
 - Chris Boardman MBE, former Olympic Cycling Champion and Policy Advisor, British Cycling.
- 4.2 Follow this meeting, the Committee may wish to produce findings on progress in delivering the Mayor’s Vision for cycling and encouraging more people to cycle in London.

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.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
List of Background Papers: None
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