

# Subject: High Speed Rail (HS2)

**Report to: Transport Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 14 July 2011**

**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 as part of its investigation into High Speed Rail (HS2).

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report and puts questions to representatives from: the Department for Transport; Campaign for High Speed Rail; Campaign for Better Transport; 51M; Stop HS2; Transport for London; and Network Rail.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee has agreed to carry out an investigation into High Speed Rail (HS2) with the following terms of reference:
- To consider the Government's consultation on High Speed 2, with particular focus on the potential effects on London's transport network, taking into account the work undertaken in Transport for London's response; and
  - To consider any actions that should be included in the final plan to mitigate any negative impact and ensure maximum benefit for London, should the scheme go ahead.
- 3.2 For further information about the investigation please refer to the background report, published as part of the 17 May 2011 Transport Committee agenda, available from the following page of the GLA website:  
<http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=3644>

## 4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The following guests have been invited to attend this meeting to answer questions about HS2.
- A representative from the Department for Transport;
  - Adam Raphael, Campaign for High Speed Rail;
  - Richard Hebditch, Campaign for Better Transport;

- Chris Stokes, 51M;
- Joe Rukin, StopHS2;
- Richard DiCani, Director of Strategy and Policy, Transport for London; and
- A representative from Network Rail.

4.2 The Committee is holding a meeting to discuss both the strategic case for High Speed 2, and, should the scheme be approved, the effect that construction and operation of the line would have on London's transport network. The Committee has also sought written submissions and undertaken a site visit to Euston and Old Oak Common prior to this meeting. Following the meeting, the Committee will produce its written response to the Government's consultation on HS2.

## 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.

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### List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Background report.

<p><b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b></p> <p>List of Background Papers: None</p> <p>Contact Officer: Ian O'Sullivan</p> <p>Telephone: 020 7983 6540</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:ian.osullivan@london.gov.uk">ian.osullivan@london.gov.uk</a></p>
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