

Subject: *The Future of Road Congestion in London*

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 sets out the Transport Committee's report, *The Future of Road Congestion in London*

2. Recommendation

2.1 **That the Committee agrees the report: *The Future of Road Congestion in London***

3. Background

3.1 The Transport Committee agreed on 12 January 2011 to carry out an investigation into road congestion in London with the following terms of reference:

- What are the implications for the capacity of the road network of the projected growth of population and economic activity? and
- What policies should be explored to reduce and manage future road congestion?

4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 The draft report is attached as **Appendix 1** (for Members only) for the Committee's formal agreement. It is also available at <http://www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/the-london-assembly/publications>.

4.2 The Conservative Members have formally dissented from Conclusions and Recommendations 3 and 6. This dissent has been recorded in the draft report within the Executive Summary and within footnotes at the relevant sections. The Conservative Members' dissenting paragraphs are also set out in full at Appendix 2 of the draft report.

4.3 The report contains six recommendations addressed to the Mayor and Transport for London (TfL). In summary, these require: 1) TfL to provide, by September 2011, figures for future congestion projections based on its best current understanding of the situation; 2) TfL to establish benchmarks for each of the four main congestion metrics in the Network Operating Strategy's quarterly assessments; 3) The Mayor to reinstate a hierarchy of road users in his final draft London Plan;

4) TfL to publish, by September 2011, a plan outlining how a pilot lane rental scheme would operate in London; 5) the Mayor and TfL to use the publication of any future plan on river crossings to outline in detail how any projected benefits in road capacity or congestion relief are measured against potential negative impacts on public health, sustainable transport and the environment; and 6) the Mayor to outline in more detail, by September 2011, how road user demand can be reduced including a threshold at which road user charging will be examined.

4.4 The report and its recommendations fall within the terms of reference.

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.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – *The future of road congestion in London*

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