

Subject: Motorcycle Safety

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 10 November 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out some proposed actions to follow up the Committee's meeting with invited guests on motorcycle safety on 15 October 2015.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee agrees to conduct a call for views and information with motorcyclists and other stakeholders.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee agrees to arrange a briefing on motorcycle safety with the Metropolitan Police Service's Bike Safe team.**
- 2.3 **That the Committee agrees the Terms of Reference for its ongoing work on motorcycle safety, as set out at paragraph 4.3.**

3. Background

- 3.1 Motorcyclists are significantly more likely to be injured in road traffic collisions: although powered two-wheelers have just a one per cent of modal share on London's roads, they account for 17 per cent of all casualties. Transport for London (TfL) published a Motorcycle Safety Action Plan in 2014 containing a range of measures aimed at reducing collisions.¹
- 3.2 The Committee held a meeting with experts and stakeholders to discuss motorcycle safety in London on 15 October 2015. Representatives of TfL, the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety, Motorcycle Industry Association, Motorcycle Action Group and British Motorcyclists Federation attended the meeting. TfL agreed to provide further written information to the Committee, including an update on progress against the Motorcycle Safety Action Plan. The Committee delegated authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output from the meeting.

¹ The action plan is available at: <https://tfl.gov.uk/cdn/static/cms/documents/motorcycle-safety-action-plan.pdf>

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 Following the discussion, the Chair suggested that the Committee provide an opportunity for motorcyclists to share their experiences of riding in London with Members. It is recommended that the Committee conduct a call for views and information, allowing motorcyclists, other experts and organisation to make submissions. In order to gather specific views from motorcyclists, this would include an online survey form aimed at individual motorcyclists.
- 4.2 The Chair has also suggested that Members receive a briefing from Metropolitan Police officers running the Bike Safe team, a training programme for motorcyclists. The briefing would provide information on safe motorcycling. Officers are currently exploring options for the format of this briefing; depending on time and venue availability, the event may be open to other stakeholders, the media and/or the public.
- 4.3 The following Terms of Reference are suggested for the Committee's ongoing work on this topic:
- To assess progress against TfL's Motorcycle Safety Action Plan;
 - To engage motorcyclists and motorcycling organisations to learn about safety issues in London and promote safe motorcycling; and
 - To identify further steps the Mayor, TfL and partners can take to improve the safety of motorcycling 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 financial implications 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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