

Subject: Transport Committee Work Programme

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 provides details of planned or ongoing scrutiny work by the Transport Committee and the schedule of Committee meetings for the 2015/16 Assembly year.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee agrees its work programme for 2015/16, including the revised schedule of prospective topics for forthcoming meetings set out at paragraph 4.10.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee notes Transport for London's new strategy for social needs transport provision, setting out plans to implement Committee recommendations on door-to-door transport services.**
- 2.3 **That the Committee agrees to use its meeting on 9 February 2016 to discuss rail infrastructure in London.**

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 Committee has agreed a number of priorities for the Committee's work programme in 2015/16. The following is a list of topics that the Committee will aim to explore, including new topics and follow-up to previous work:

- Rail services;
- Commercial traffic;
- Weekend and night-time travel;
- Motorcycle safety;
- Accessibility;

- Coaches;
- Cycling;
- Crossrail;
- Red routes; and
- Taxi and private hire services.

The exact scope and timings for work on any of these other possible topics will be determined in due course and more detailed work programme reports submitted to future meetings. The Committee seeks to maintain flexibility in its work programme to take account of any relevant developments when scheduling its work and has a rolling work programme so work on any topics may continue beyond each Assembly year.

Door-to-door services

- 4.2 The Committee published a report on door-to-door transport services in January 2015, making recommendations to Transport for London on the provision of services such as Dial-a-Ride, Taxicard and Capital Call. The Committee noted Transport for London's (TfL) initial response to the report in June 2015.
- 4.3 In October, TfL published the findings of its Social Needs Transport Review, in which the future of door-to-door services was being considered. It has produced a new strategy document, *Social Needs Transport: A Roadmap for Future Provision*, which sets out how TfL will implement key recommendations made in the Committee's report. These include:
- A single customer feedback and complaints process for Dial-a-Ride, Taxicard and Capital Call;
 - A single set of eligibility criteria and membership process for these services;
 - A single journey booking process for these services; and
 - Increasing the current five-mile limit for Dial-a-Ride journeys.
- 4.4 TfL's strategy, originally published as an appendix to a report to London Councils' Transport and Environment Committee on 15 October 2015, is attached at **Appendix 1** for the Committee to note.

Motorcycle safety

- 4.5 The Committee met a range of experts and stakeholders at its meeting on 15 October 2015 for a discussion of motorcycle safety. Further detail of next steps planned by the Committee is provided at Agenda Item 8.

Rail services

- 4.6 The Committee has recently investigated National Rail services, focusing on the case for devolution to London. A final report from the investigation has been published after being agreed under delegated authority by the Chair in consultation with party Group Lead Members for the Committee to note under Agenda Item 5.

Rail infrastructure

- 4.7 The Committee's investigation into rail services in London (see paragraph 4.6) led to findings about the need to upgrade London's rail infrastructure in order to improve capacity and service reliability. The Committee also recommended that TfL play a greater role in planning and delivering infrastructure upgrade schemes, a change may be agreed during ongoing reviews of Network Rail's projects and processes.

- 4.8 In order to discuss this topic further, it is recommended that the Committee invite Sir Peter Hendy CBE, Chair of Network Rail, to its meeting on 9 February 2016. Potential additional guests may also be identified at a later date.

Taxi and private hire services

- 4.9 The Committee's report into taxi and private hire services was published in December 2014. Follow-up work on this topic has been undertaken, including at the Committee's meeting in July 2015 with TfL and the Deputy Mayor for Transport. In September, TfL published a consultation on its Private Hire Regulations Review, which the Committee has agreed to discuss with TfL at today's meeting. Further detail is provided at Agenda Item 6.

Heathrow Airport surface access

- 4.10 The Airports Commission has published its final report, recommending to the Government that the proposed third runway at Heathrow Airport be taken forward. The London Assembly used its Plenary session on 8 September 2015 to discuss the report with the Commission's Chair, Sir Howard Davies. The Transport Committee has agreed to use today's meeting to discuss the potential implications for surface transport access to Heathrow with representatives from Transport for London. Further detail is provided at Agenda Item 7.

Commercial traffic

- 4.11 The Committee is currently investigating light commercial traffic in London, and discussed this topic at its meeting in September. A discussion paper based on the findings of the investigation is being prepared and will be considered at a future meeting.

Cycling programmes

- 4.12 The Committee has maintained regular monitoring of progress with the Mayor and TfL's efforts to increase cycling in London, such as the Cycle Superhighways, Quietways and Better Junctions. It is anticipated that the Committee's meeting in January 2016 will be used for an update on these and other programmes from the Mayor's Office and TfL.

Responses to recent Transport Committee work

- 4.13 The table below 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) |
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| Rail services | A response from the Mayor and TfL to the Committee's report, <i>Devolving rail services to London</i> is due by the end of 2015. |

2015/16 schedule of meetings

- 4.14 The schedule of all 2015/16 Transport Committee meetings is set out below with details of the main prospective topics identified to date.
- Thursday 10 December 2015 – Commissioner of Transport;
 - Wednesday 13 January 2016 – Cycling programmes;
 - Tuesday 9 February 2016 – Rail infrastructure; and
 - Wednesday 9 March 2016 (topic to be agreed).

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: *Social Needs Transport: A Roadmap for Future Provision*

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