

# Subject: Budget and Performance Committee Work Programme

**Report to: Budget and Performance Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 29 September 2016**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

1.1 This report sets out the Budget and Performance Committee's work programme for 2016/17.

## 2. Recommendations

2.1 **The Committee is recommended to:**

- (a) **Agree its work programme for 2016/17, including the proposed topic for the meeting on 18 October 2016;**
- (b) **Delegate authority to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree the scope and terms of reference for the Committee's meeting on 18 October 2016;**
- (c) **Note the letter to the Mayor requesting that he publish initial budget submission documents and the templates for efficiencies and savings, adjustments to revenue budgets, adjustments to capital programmes and growth proposals; and**
- (d) **Note the response from the Mayor to the request that he publish initial budget submission documents.**

## 3. Background

3.1 The Committee receives a report monitoring the progress of its work programme at each meeting.

## 4 Issues for Consideration

### 2017/18 Budget

4.1 During 2016/17 the Committee will scrutinise the Mayor's 2017/18 budget proposals for the Greater London Authority (GLA) Group on behalf of the London Assembly, as well as examine specific budget and performance issues across the GLA Group. The Committee will scrutinise the Mayor's budget proposals at its meetings in November and January.

- 4.2 Following the meeting on 14 July 2016, when the Committee discussed the Mayor’s Budget Guidance for 2017/18 with the Mayor’s Chief of Staff and GLA officers, the Chairman consulted party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM about concerns raised during the meeting by Committee Members that the Assembly and the public would be excluded from a key new stage of the process.
- 4.3 Following the consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, the Chairman wrote to the Mayor requesting that he publish initial budget submission documents and the templates for efficiencies and savings, adjustments to revenue budgets, adjustments to capital programmes and growth proposals on the GLA website before he is due to publish the draft consultation budget in mid-December. The letter is attached for noting at **Appendix 1**.
- 4.4 The Mayor’s response to the request that he publish initial budget submission documents is attached for noting at **Appendix 2**.

**Metropolitan Police Service commercial, IT and estates strategies**

- 4.5 It is proposed that the Committee’s next meeting be used to examine progress made by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) in implementing its commercial, IT and estates strategies. The Committee reported on the MPS’s use of technology in August 2013<sup>1</sup>, and on the MPS’s commercial strategy in September 2015<sup>2</sup>. The Committee is recommended to delegate authority to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree the scope and terms of reference for this review.

**Proposed meeting timetable**

- 4.6 The table below sets out scheduled future meetings of the Committee in 2016/17. The Committee can agree further topics as the year progresses. Items are subject to change to enable the Committee to respond to matters at short notice.

<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Proposed topic</b>
Thursday 29 September 2016	EU Funding after the EU Exit
Tuesday 18 October 2016	MPS: Commercial, IT and Estates Strategy
Thursday 24 November 2016	Core GLA Budget 2017/18
Wednesday 4 January 2016	2017/18 budget: GLA functional bodies
Thursday 5 January 2016	2017/18 budget: GLA functional bodies
Tuesday 10 January 2016	2017/18 budget: the Mayor
Tuesday 7 March 2016	Topic to be confirmed

<sup>1</sup> [Police Technology: Smart Policing](#), Budget & Performance Committee, 12 September 2013, Item 6

<sup>2</sup> [Police Outsourcing](#), Budget & Performance Committee, 1 July 2015, Item 8

### **Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee**

- 4.7 The Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee monitors GLA Group spending and performance and informs the work of the Budget and Performance Committee. The Sub-Committee has three meetings scheduled during the remainder of 2016/17:
- Thursday 3 November 2016;
  - Wednesday 14 December 2016; and
  - Thursday 23 March 2017.
- 4.8 As well as examining the GLA Group quarterly monitoring reports, the Sub-Committee will explore topical issues or specific areas contributing to the full Committee's investigations or reports, where appropriate, and examine Mayoral Decisions.
- 4.9 The Sub-Committee can agree topics as the year progresses. Items are subject to change to enable the Sub-Committee to respond to matters at short notice. The Sub-Committee will examine the GLA Group quarterly monitoring reports and invite functional bodies to appear as necessary.

## **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.

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### **List of appendices to this report:**

Appendix 1 – Letter to the Mayor re publishing initial budget submission documents

Appendix 2 – Response from the Mayor re publishing initial budget submission documents

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
List of Background Papers: None
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