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Title: **Proposed London Assembly timetable and work programme for Autumn (September-December) 2020**

Executive Summary

The proposed timetable and Work Programme for the London Assembly's committees and panels for the period September to December 2020 is set out for approval.

Decision

That the Chair approves the timetable and proposed draft Work Programme for the London Assembly's committees and panels for the period September to December 2020.

Assembly Member

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in the proposed decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

Signature

Date: 20 July 2020



Printed Name Len Duvall AM

Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Notes:

- 1. The Lead Officer should prepare this form for signature by relevant Members of the Assembly to record any instance where the Member proposes to take action under a specific delegated authority. The purpose of the form is to record the advice received from officers, and the decision made.
- 2. **The 'background' section (below) should be used to include an indication as to whether the information contained in / referred to in this Form should be considered as exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). If so, the specimen Annexe (attached below) should be used. If this form does deal with exempt information, you must submit both parts of this form for approval together.**

Background and proposed next steps:

At its meeting on 15 May 2020, the London Assembly resolved:

“That, in relation to urgent matters only, a general delegation of authority in respect of the Assembly’s powers and functions (apart from those that cannot under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 be delegated) be given to the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman of that Committee, party Group Leaders, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM and any relevant committee Chair(s), from the close of the meeting until 31 August 2020.”

The proposed timetable and Work Programme for the London Assembly’s committees and panels for the period September to December 2020 is now set out for formal approval, under the terms of the delegation set out above, to provide a framework for the Assembly’s meetings and work for the period up until December 2020

The Deputy Chairman of GLA Oversight Committee, party Group Leaders and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM have been consulted on the timetable and draft Work Programme.

The Work Programme will be reported back to the GLA Oversight Committee at its next formal meeting, for the Committee to note.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision

Signed by Committee Services

Date 13/07/2020



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Financial implications NOT REQUIRED

NOTE: Finance comments and signature are required only where there are financial implications arising or the potential for financial implications.

Signed by Finance

N/A

Date

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Legal implications

The Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signed by Legal Date 15/07/2020


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Supporting detail/List of Consultees:

Deputy Chairman of GLA Oversight Committee, party Group Leaders and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

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Part 1 – Deferral

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred?

Until what date: N/A

Part 2 – Sensitive information

Only the facts or advice that would be exempt from disclosure under FoIA or EIR should be included in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form - NO

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Proposed London Assembly work programme for Autumn (September-December) 2020

1. It is proposed that immediate Assembly activity over the Autumn period will maintain the strategic focus adopted over the summer on coronavirus, with a similar frequency and proportionality given to meetings of the different Committees.
2. With both public and political focus continuing to be firmly fixed on COVID-19 over the next few months, it would be sensible for the Assembly to also focus solely on issues associated with COVID-19 over the Autumn period.
3. The dates listed against the sessions below are based on the draft Committee timetable that has been before Group Leaders in early 2020. These sessions would allow for necessary accountability sessions to take place with key mayoral appointees, covering critical aspects relating to the coronavirus outbreak in particular – and with the GLA Oversight Committee retaining coordination for scrutiny into the COVID-19 response:
 - An **Audit Panel** meeting on Wednesday 14 October and Thursday 17 December;
 - The **Budget & Performance Committee**, following discussion with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Committee, is proposed to have an intensified Budget scrutiny process over the following few months, with at least a doubling of the usual Budget scrutiny process (due to the implications of the revised budget guidance on the current 2020-21 budgets this year, and the significant implications arising for future years):
 - This would mean that a first phase of the Budget scrutiny process would take place in the Autumn, on the following dates: Tuesday 22 September, Wednesday 23 September, Tuesday 29 September, Thursday 1 October, Monday 12 October and Wednesday 14 October;
 - The second phase of the Budget scrutiny process would begin on Tuesday 24 November (as would be the case in a usual year), followed by a meeting on Tuesday 8 December and Wednesday 9 December (to be continued in January);
 - The **Economy Committee** to meet on Monday 28 September, Monday 9 November, Tuesday 15 December;
 - The **Education Panel** to meet on Wednesday, 30 September;
 - The **Environment Committee** to meet on Tuesday, 17 November; the Environment Committee may, if required, hold another meeting in the Autumn (alternatively, Environment topics could be explored through one of the Assembly Plenary meetings);
 - The **Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee** to meet on Tuesday 13 October and Wednesday 16 December;

- The **Health Committee** to meet on Wednesday 14 October and on Tuesday 1 December;
 - The **Housing Committee** to meet on Tuesday, 10 November;
 - **Mayor’s Question Time** meetings scheduled for the following Thursdays: 17 September, 15 October, 19 November and 17 December;
 - **Oversight Committee** meetings on Wednesday 9 September, and on Tuesday 3 November;
 - The **Police and Crime Committee** to meet on Wednesday, 16 September and Wednesday 11 November (with another meeting to be scheduled in if required);
 - The **Planning & Regeneration Committee** to meet on Wednesday 21 October;
 - **London Assembly Plenary** sessions on the following Thursdays: 24 September, 5 November and 3 December, with topics TBD; and
 - The **Transport Committee** to meet on Thursday, 8 October, and Tuesday, 1 December.
4. There may be a need to move some meeting dates and times, depending on further announcements on events such as virtual party conferences.
 5. All morning meetings, aside from MQT, will be scheduled to start at 11am to ensure that anyone needing to be present at City Hall for the meeting can avoid rush hour travel. All afternoon meetings will start at 2pm as is usually the case.
 6. Further detail on the topics and the content of the meetings would shortly be decided in consultation with Group Leaders and Committee Chairs.
 7. In order to prepare for the sessions listed above, discussions with the relevant Chairs and Committee Members should start imminently. Any suggestions of meeting dates and public activity that would be additional to the work programme and phasing of activity agreed within this paper would need to be raised with Group Leaders for their consideration.
 8. That being said, all Committees should continue undertaking a broad range of activities, separate to the meeting schedule – such as responding to various Government consultations and inquiries on COVID-19. This would continue under the approach that consultation responses should be first decided at Committee level, with a final sign-off to be undertaken by Group Leaders.