

Subject: The 2021-22 GLA Group Budget – TfL

Report to: Budget and Performance Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 16 December 2020

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out background information in relation to Budget and Performance Committee questions to senior representatives from Transport for London (TfL) about proposed budgets for 2021-22 and how their individual budgets fit into the Greater London Authority (GLA) Group Budget in 2021-22.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report as background to putting questions to invited guests on the 2021-22 Budget Review and notes the discussion.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree any output from the meeting.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Budget and Performance Committee's key responsibility is its annual scrutiny of the Mayor's budget proposals for the next financial year. This involves detailed examination of the Mayor's plans for spending his budget to help ensure taxpayers' money is spent appropriately and effectively.

The annual budget setting process

- 3.2 Each summer, the Mayor publishes Budget Guidance to the functional bodies on the preparation of their budgets. This contains information about the likely level of funding available for the next financial year as well as the Mayor's priorities for each organisation. Each organisation within the GLA family makes its own Budget Submission at the end of November and in December, the Mayor publishes his draft Group Budget.
- 3.3 The Committee produces a formal response to the Mayor's draft budget, which informs the full Assembly's debate and vote on the Mayor's proposals in February 2021. The Assembly has the power to amend the total budget requirement for each functional body if a two-thirds majority agree to do so. The Mayor then publishes his final Budget before the start of the financial year in April.

3.4 This is the fourth session in the Budget scrutiny process, after a meeting on 24 November 2020, where questions were put to GLA Executive Directors, the Chief Officer and the Mayor’s Chief of Staff about the core GLA budget; a meeting on 8 December 2020 with officers from the London Legacy Development Corporation and the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation; and a meeting with the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience and officers from the Mayor’s Office for Police and Crime and the London Fire Brigade on 10 December 2020. There will be further sessions with the Mayor and the whole of the Assembly in the new year.

4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 This session will consider the 2021-22 budget for Transport for London.

4.2 The following guests have been invited:

- Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor for Transport;
- Andy Byford, TfL Commissioner;
- Simon Kilonback, TfL Chief Finance Officer; and
- Enver Enver, Assistant Director of Group Finance and Performance, GLA.

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 Greater London Authority arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: None

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List of Background Papers: None
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