

Subject: *Gearing up – an investigation into safer cycling in London*

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 5 December 2012

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the Transport Committee's report, *Gearing up – an investigation into safer cycling in London*.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee agrees the report: *Gearing up – an investigation into safer cycling in London*; and**
- 2.2 **That the Committee recommends to the Assembly that it uses its powers under section 60(1) of the Greater London Authority Act to request a response to the report from the Mayor.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Transport Committee agreed on 14 June 2012 to investigate cycling in London with the following terms of reference:
- To understand the issues facing current cyclists and the barriers to potential cyclists;
 - To examine the plans proposed by the Mayor and Transport for London (TfL) to improve cycling safety and increase cycling modal share; and
 - To generate recommendations to the Mayor and TfL to improve the cycling environment and cycle safety in London.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The draft report is attached as **Appendix 1** (for Members only) for the Committee's formal agreement. It is also available at:
<http://www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/the-london-assembly/publications>.

- 4.2 The report contains seven recommendations addressed to the Mayor, TfL, the Government, and the London boroughs. In summary, these require:
- The Mayor to establish a new target for cycling in his 2020 Vision statement for cycling to achieve 5 per cent modal share by 2020 and 10 per cent by 2020, and the Mayor to appoint a Cycling Commissioner to champion cycling and publish a London Bicycle Account;
 - The Mayor and TfL to reflect the Mayor's aim for a cycling revolution in the new TfL business plan, by: at least doubling the amount of funding for cycling; allocating at least £100 million to fund the Junction Review; increasing funding for the Mayor's Biking Boroughs programme; and considering the case for a dedicated cycling fund as part of the LIP process;
 - The Mayor and TfL to commit to introducing fundamental cycle safety improvements to the junctions included in the junction review, taking account of international best practice; to prioritise the removal of gyratories in the junction review; and to examine the case for 20mph where appropriate;
 - The Mayor and TfL to reassess the space allocated to cycling on the roads, including recommendations for: the Mayor's Roads Task Force to review TfL's use of traffic modelling and identify locations where temporary protected cycle routes can be trialled; and the Mayor and TfL to provide information on the Mayor and TfL's plans for a new east-west route;
 - The Department for Transport to introduce legislative changes to enable TfL to use innovative cycle safety solutions;
 - The Mayor and TfL to revise the Road Safety Action Plan in light of the independent review of the design and operation of construction vehicles; to work with the boroughs to achieve the highest levels of cycle safety and training for drivers of Heavy Goods Vehicles through the FORS accreditation scheme and to use minimum cycle safety standards in planning; and
 - TfL to report to the Committee on its work with the MPS to improve enforcement against dangerous driving and cycling behaviour; the Mayor and TfL to develop a plan to provide cycle training for all London children; and for the DfT to examine evidence from leading cycling countries about the use of stricter liability in other countries.

4.3 The report and its recommendations fall within the terms of reference.

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 to the GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – *Gearing up – an investigation into safer cycling in London*

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers: None

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