Subject: Planning Committee Work Programme 2012/13

Report to: Planning Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

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This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 This report updates the status of various items on the Committee’s work programme and proposals for the main projects identified by Members for the coming Assembly Year 2012/13.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee notes the report that updates Members on the status of various items on the Committee’s work programme and the main items for the Assembly Year 2012/13.

3. Background and Issues for Consideration

3.1 Members have identified the following main items that will form the basis of the Committee’s work programme over the Assembly Year 2012/13:

- Community Infrastructure Levy;
- The Future of London’s Town Centres; and
- Where will London’s Growth take Place?

3.2 Members will receive a report at each Committee meeting on the progress of the various projects. Additional projects will be included in the work programme reflecting the need for the Committee to respond to tasks such as consultations or other events as necessary.

Community Infrastructure Levy

3.3 The Committee held two meetings in September and October 2012 to discuss challenges for the provision of social infrastructure across London through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) schedules and the guidance and advice needed to deal with the successful implementation of the Levy in London.

3.4 On 13 November 2012 the Mayor issued for public consultation draft supplementary planning guidance on ‘Use of planning obligations in the funding of Crossrail, and the Mayoral Community...
Infrastructure Levy’. It contains guidance on implementation issues relating to both policies, information about the Mayor’s role in borough CIL-setting, and general guidance on the CIL.

3.5 The agenda is formally published on 7 January 2013. This agenda updates Members on the arrangements for responding to the Mayor’s consultation based on the Committee’s evidence gathered through written submissions from stakeholders and the discussions with invited experts.

**The Future of London’s Town Centres**

3.6 On 11 December 2012 Members agreed to undertake a short review to explore the role of town centres in London with an emphasis on the future range of forms and functions they might perform. The review will inform the Committee’s response to the Mayor’s forthcoming Draft Supplementary Planning Guidance for town centres; and highlight any important issues for consideration in other areas outside the remit of the Guidance.

3.7 A report on Item 5 of the agenda sets out the details for the Committee’s second meeting on this subject.

3.8 Draft planning guidance on London’s town centres was expected to be issued by the Mayor towards the end of 2012 or else in early 2013. As set out in paragraph 3.6 above, Members will wish to engage in the consultation on these proposals through its meetings in December 2012 and January 2013.

**Where will London’s growth take place?**

3.9 Early results from the 2011 Census show that London’s population was 8.2 million, an increase of 12 per cent from 2001 when it was 7.3 million. The London Plan has underestimated London’s 2011 population by 400,000 (London Plan paragraph 1.10). A recent GLA presentation by senior officers on the Mayor’s London 2020 vision highlighted that “In summary, by 2020 London’s population will hit 8.7 million people, surpassing the previous peak of 8.6 million in 1936… As a result of continued growth, the capital will need to find housing stock for an extra 300,000 households and approximately 500,000 extra jobs. Current projections indicate we may fall short of both.”

3.10 Accommodating London’s growth within its own boundaries will require building higher, increasing densities at selected growth points and by growth in the suburbs - raising concerns that the character of London is changing, open spaces are threatened and that growth of this magnitude is not sustainable. Some planning bodies are concerned about the economic and environmental relationship of London with the South East of England (i.e. Cambridge, Oxford, Swindon and other growth areas).

3.11 Members have indicated they wish to conduct a debate about how London’s future growth can be accommodated, where it should take place and how best should it be planned. Members will have had the opportunity to comment on draft proposals for a project that will review where London’s future growth might take place and how this will shape London’s future demography and spatial development.

3.12 It is proposed that this subject will form the main agenda items for the Committees final two meetings of 2012/13 on 12 March and 13 April 2013.

**Regeneration area visit**

3.13 Officers are now drawing up proposals for a visit to Euston - one of London’s major regeneration areas where an ‘Area framework’ is currently being prepared jointly by the London Borough of
Camden, the GLA and Transport for London. It is proposed that this visit would take place on 7 February in place of a formal Committee meeting. Members will have the opportunity to comment on the proposals for a visit early in the New Year.

4. **Legal Implications**

4.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in this report.

5. **Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no direct GLA financial implications arising from this report. Financial implications for the individual projects within the programme of work in 2012/13 will be dealt with separately in reports to the Committee as and when the Committee is required to make relevant decisions.

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