

Update - Long-Term Infrastructure Plan for London

- 1.1 In May 2013 the London Finance Commission recommended that the Mayor should develop and maintain a long-term, high level infrastructure plan for London to support growth and maintain the city's competitiveness.
- 1.2 On 11 June 2013 the Mayor set out his Vision 2020 that outlined how he proposes to respond to the challenges of London's expected growth and to address the issue of London's future infrastructure. The 2020 Vision set out the critical infrastructure required to 2020 and beyond.

2. What is the Infrastructure Plan?

- 2.1 The Mayor's Long Term Infrastructure Investment Plan will set out London's strategic infrastructure requirements to 2050 across the main aspects of infrastructure (transport, energy, water, waste, ICT and social infrastructure). The Mayor's intention is that the Plan will assess the magnitude of cost involved in providing infrastructure requirements as a whole, by sector and for identified projects.
- 2.2 The probability is that the level of investment in identified infrastructure will be very high, and so the Plan is likely to set out the key priorities and the main barriers to delivery.
- 2.3 The Mayor published a progress report on work to develop a long term infrastructure plan in March 2014. It discussed the key themes that need to be addressed if London is to effectively plan for and deliver its long term infrastructure requirements.

3. Aspects of funding and delivery

- 3.1 It is expected that the Plan will approach the question of how London will pay for its infrastructure requirements under current fiscal arrangements and with fiscal devolution of the form recommended by the London Finance Commission. The importance of securing political consensus in over the long term is also likely to be highlighted.
- 3.2 London can already point to a number of planned transport projects where it has taken significant responsibility for funding and delivery. These include:
 - Crossrail – where the Mayor and TfL will contribute £7.1 billion, including a direct contribution from Transport for London of £1.9bn and contributions raised through the Crossrail Business Rate Supplement, section 106 and the Community Infrastructure Levy.

- The Northern Line extension at Vauxhall Nine Elms will cost up to £1 billion. This money will be available to the GLA through borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board and repaid through a combination of incremental business rates generated within a new Enterprise zone and developer contributions, raised through section 106 and CIL contributions.

4. Progress and updates reported to Assembly Committees

- 4.1 On 10 September 2013 the Assembly's Oversight Committee received an informal progress report from the GLA Head of Paid Service on the preparatory work undertaken to deliver such an Infrastructure Investment Plan for London.
- 4.2 The scale of the project means that work will not be complete until early 2015 and Oversight Committee was promised progress updates as the project develops to allow input into the approach to producing the Plan and to its contents.
- 4.3 At that time, Oversight Committee did not decide how it wished to formally monitor the Mayor's progress on developing the Plan, but discussions at the meeting on 10 September indicated that various Assembly Committees would retain interest in how the project develops.
- 4.4 The last update to the Assembly was made on 24 June 2014, when Bureau of Leaders received a report on progress to date.
- 4.5 The Mayor's intention is to publish a suite of consultation documents in late July 2014, consult widely during the autumn and produce a final plan in early 2015.

5. Planning Committee work

- 5.1 The Infrastructure Plan touches on the work of a number of Assembly Committees. However, given its focus on the range of needs required to support London's long-term growth and sustainability, it has particular relevance to the terms of reference of the Planning Committee.
- 5.2 Since the issue was discussed at Oversight Committee in September 2013 the Planning Committee has held a number of meetings relevant to the infrastructure Plan. These include:
 - 28 November 2013 on the Mayor's Long Term Infrastructure Investment Plan;
 - 25 February 2014 on, the Mayor's proposals to revise the London Plan; and
 - 11 March 2014 on the implications of London's growth on development density.
- 5.3 On June 12th 2014, the Planning Committee Chair sent a letter to the Mayor containing a number of recommendations on what the draft plan should contain. The letter also

included a memorandum that provided additional context and detail, based on information obtained from the Committee meetings set out above (see attached).

- 5.4 It is the Planning Committee's intention to monitor the development of the Infrastructure Plan up until its final publication in early 2015, and will devote the main agenda item at one of its meetings in late 2014 to the issue.
- 5.5 The Committee will also seek to contribute comments to the draft Plan when it is published for consultation over the autumn of 2014. Transport Committee is planning to discuss London's transport infrastructure needs in October but, to date, no other Assembly Committee has plans to include a meeting on the subject.