

# Subject: Ebola Virus Disease Resilience

**Report to: GLA Oversight Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 11 December 2014**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

- 1.1. This report provides background information to the GLA Oversight Committee in putting questions to the invited guests on Ebola Virus Disease resilience in London.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. **That the Committee notes the report, puts questions to the invited guests and notes the discussion.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1. Over the course of the year, the GLA Oversight Committee has looked at the resilience arrangements in London. At its meeting on 16 October 2014, the Committee proposed that the Mayor issues a resilience statement, which would be scrutinised by the Committee on an annual basis; this proposal has been agreed and the first such statement will be received by the GLA Oversight Committee at its meeting in February 2015.
- 3.2. Further, at its meeting of 20 November 2014, the Committee agreed to hold a short 'real-time scrutiny' investigation to consider the topic of London's resilience arrangements to deal with a potential outbreak of the Ebola Virus Disease in the capital.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1. This meeting is an opportunity to discuss the pan-London resilience arrangements in place to deal with a potential Ebola Virus Disease outbreak. The following guests have been invited to appear before the Committee:
  - Sir Edward Lister – Chief of Staff, Greater London Authority;
  - Tom Middleton – Head of Governance & Resilience, Greater London Authority;

- Dr Deborah Turbitt - Deputy Regional Director for Health Protection, Public Health England; and
- Marc Beveridge - Regional Lead EPRR (emergency preparedness, resilience and response) London, Public Health England.

## 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 GLA arising from this report.

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**List of appendices to this report:** None

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
List of Background Papers: None
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