

Subject: Regeneration Committee Work Programme

Report to: Regeneration Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 25 March 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 The Committee receives a report monitoring the progress of its work programme at each meeting.

2. Recommendation

2.1 **That the Committee notes the initial priorities for its work programme in 2015/16, as agreed at its meeting on 10 March 2015.**

3. Background

3.1 At the Committee's meeting on 10 March 2015 it received a summary of the topics it had examined 2014/15 and a summary of the site visits it had undertaken.

4. Issues for Consideration

Work programme priorities for 2015/16

The Committee's work programme

4.1 At the meeting on 10 March 2015, the Committee agreed its initial priorities for 2015/16.

4.2 The Draft Committee Timetable allocates the Regeneration Committee nine meeting slots in 2015-16. In common with previous years, the Committee proposes to use a combination of formal meetings and site visits, with an approximate 50:50 split between the two.

4.3 The Committee intends to examine the following topics as initial priorities in its work programme:

4.3.1 **Transport-led regeneration:** The Committee plans to examine Transport for London's (TfL) investment in new or improved transport infrastructure as a lever for regeneration. TfL's 10-year business plan¹ contains a number of investments designed to support

¹ [TfL Business Plan 2014](#)

regeneration, including: the £1 billion Northern Line Extension from Kennington to Nine Elms and Battersea Power Station; extension of the London Overground to Barking Riverside to unlock development potential in the Barking Opportunity Area, which could accommodate approximately 11,000 new homes; and a range of high street projects across the boroughs.² An investigation could explore TfL's decision-making process for transport enhancements designed to promote regeneration; the role of planning frameworks in guiding investment; trade-offs with funding for community infrastructure (including affordable homes); and good practice at local level to maximise opportunities for regeneration through new transport infrastructure. The Committee plans to engage with stakeholders from the transport, development, and community sectors to inform its investigation. Members will use a meeting and site visit in summer 2015, and publish a report later in the year.

4.3.2 **The role of Business Improvement Districts (BIDs):** The Committee could examine the role of BIDs in delivering local regeneration. A GLA report published in 2013 recommended that the GLA develops a policy position on BIDs, acknowledging their role in supporting regeneration.³ There are currently 37 BIDs in London,⁴ and the Mayor has a target for 50 BIDs by 2016.⁵ BIDs play a range of different roles, depending on the nature and needs of the area and local businesses. They may be involved in providing local environmental services (for example, street cleaning, and security), while some help develop visions and support regeneration activity, for example, through public realm improvements.⁶ Their influence may increase: the Department for Communities and Local Government has published plans to enable BIDs to tender for public service contracts. Legislation under the Right to Challenge would give BIDs the ability to act as public service providers. A Committee investigation could examine how and where BIDs add value in regeneration schemes, and ways that the Mayor and boroughs can maximise the contribution BIDs make to regeneration. Members could hold a formal meeting, invite written evidence from BIDs, and carry out a site visit to inform a report.

4.4 Other topics for investigation will be agreed by the Committee later in the year.

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 arising from this report.

² *'We will continue to work with and fund boroughs to deliver major schemes that transform town centres and local places. We seek to address all road users' needs; enhance the public realm; improve and regenerate local areas; support trips made by walking, cycling and public transport; improve safety and reduce the fear of crime.'* TfL Business Plan 2014, p. 38

³ <https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/London%27s%20Business%20Improvement%20Districts%20-%20Final%20Report%2019%20June%202013.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/business-economy/vision-and-strategy/focus-areas/business-improvement-districts/london-bids-links>

⁵ <https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/London%27s%20Business%20Improvement%20Districts%20-%20Final%20Report%2019%20June%202013.pdf>

⁶ *Ibid*, p. 10

List of appendices to this report: None.

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List of Background Papers: None

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