

# Subject: Transport Committee Work Programme

**Report to: Transport Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 15 October 2015**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of planned or ongoing scrutiny work by the Transport Committee and the schedule of Committee meetings for the 2015/16 Assembly year.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee agrees its work programme for 2015/16, including the revised schedule of prospective topics for forthcoming meetings set out at paragraph 4.10.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee notes the note of a meeting with representatives of Centre for London as part of its investigation into National Rail services.**

## 3. Background

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

## 4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The Committee has agreed a number of priorities for the Committee's work programme in 2015/16. The following is a list of topics that the Committee will aim to explore, including new topics and follow-up to previous work:
- Rail services;
  - Commercial traffic;
  - Weekend and night-time travel;
  - Motorcycle safety;
  - Accessibility;
  - Coaches;
  - Cycling;
  - Crossrail;
  - Red routes; and

- Taxi and private hire services.

The exact scope and timings for work on any of these other possible topics will be determined in due course and more detailed work programme reports submitted to future meetings. The Committee seeks to maintain flexibility in its work programme to take account of any relevant developments when scheduling its work and has a rolling work programme so work on any topics may continue beyond each Assembly year.

### **Motorcycle safety**

- 4.2 The Committee is using this meeting for a discussion of motorcycle safety. Further detail is provided under Agenda Item 6.

### **Rail services**

- 4.3 The Committee is currently investigating National Rail services, focusing on the case for devolution to London. A draft final report from the investigation is being considered under delegated authority by the Chair and party Group Lead Members, and will be considered by the full Committee at its next meeting.
- 4.4 In August, party Group Lead Members met with representatives of the Centre for London and partner organisations, to discuss the devolution of rail services in London. A note of this meeting is attached at **Appendix 1**.

### **Taxi and private hire services**

- 4.5 The Committee's report into taxi and private hire services was published in December 2014. Follow-up work on this topic has been undertaken, including at the Committee's meeting in July 2015 with Transport for London and the Deputy Mayor for Transport. In September, Transport for London (TfL) published a consultation on its Private Hire Regulations Review, which the Committee has agreed to discuss with TfL at its meeting on 10 November. A further update on this work is considered under Agenda Item 7.

### **Heathrow Airport surface access**

- 4.6 The Airports Commission has published its final report, recommending to the Government that the proposed third runway at Heathrow Airport be taken forward. The London Assembly used its plenary session in September to discuss the report with the Commission's Chair, Sir Howard Davies. The Transport Committee has agreed to use its meeting on 10 November to discuss the potential implications for surface transport access to Heathrow with representatives from Transport for London.

### **Commercial traffic**

- 4.7 The Committee is currently investigating light commercial traffic in London, and discussed this topic at its meeting in September. A discussion paper based on the findings of the investigation is being prepared and will be considered at a future meeting.

### **Cycling programmes**

- 4.8 The Committee has maintained regular monitoring of progress with the Mayor and TfL's efforts to increase cycling in London, such as the Cycle Superhighways, Quietways and Better Junctions. It is anticipated that the Committee's meeting in January 2016 will be used for an update on these and other programmes from the Mayor's Office and TfL.

### **Responses to recent Transport Committee work**

- 4.9 The table below provides details of any responses due from the Mayor, TfL and/or others to Committee work.

<b>Transport Committee work</b>	<b>Details of responses due (if appropriate)</b>
No outstanding responses.	

### **2015/16 schedule of meetings**

- 4.10 The schedule of all 2015/16 Transport Committee meetings is set out below with details of the main prospective topics identified to date.
- Tuesday 10 November 2015 – Heathrow Airport / Private hire services;
  - Thursday 10 December 2015 – Commissioner of Transport;
  - Wednesday 13 January 2016 – Cycling programmes;
  - Tuesday 9 February 2016 (topic to be agreed); and
  - Wednesday 9 March 2016 (topic to be agreed).

## **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 arising from this report.

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### **List of appendices to this report:**

Appendix 1 - Note of National Rail services meeting with Centre for London.

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

List of Background Papers: None

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