

Subject: Economy Committee Work Programme

Report to: Economy Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 21 January 2016

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 its work programme as set out in this report.

3. Background

3.1 The topics listed below have been agreed as priorities for the Committee's work programme during 2015/16:

- **Mayoral programmes and commitments on economic issues.** The Committee will continue to scrutinise the Mayor's economic programmes and commitments, including those related to apprenticeships, the London Living Wage and job creation.
- **The role of the third sector in employment and skills programmes.** The report was published in October 2015.
- **Digital economy.** A digital report as published in December 2015.
- **London's flexible labour market.** The Committee is exploring the changing nature of London's economy and labour market and the impact of the changes for London's employers and employees. A report is due for publication in January.
- **Manufacturing.** In December the Committee will visit manufacturing businesses in the capital to better understand their potential, the challenges which they might face and any opportunities for the Mayor to support the sector. A letter summarising the findings from the visit will be published in January.
- **Childcare.** The Committee will explore progress on, and challenges to, delivering childcare entitlements in the capital, in light of government plans to extend free childcare entitlement.
- **Welfare reform.** The Committee has agreed to examine recent and future changes to the welfare and tax systems, and their impact upon Londoners.

- **Food poverty among older people.** The Committee has agreed to consider what action could be taken, by the Mayor and partners, to support provision of nutritious food for older people at risk of food poverty.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 All topics for discussion at meetings in 2015/16 have now been agreed. This is the final version of the work-programme table.

Meeting Date	Main discussion
18 June 2015	Role of the third sector in employment and skills programmes
14 July 2015	Role of the third sector in employment and skills programmes
10 September 2015	Informal site visit to explore London's digital economy
15 October 2015	London's changing economy – Productive, Flexible, Inclusive?
24 November 2015	London's changing economy – Productive, Flexible, Inclusive?
08 December 2015	Informal site visit to explore the current state of London's manufacturing sector.
21 January 2016	Childcare
24 February 2016	Impact of welfare reform on low-paid Londoners
15 March 2016	Food poverty and older people

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.

List of appendices to this report: None.

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List of Background Papers: None.

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