

# **Subject: Action Taken Under Delegated Authority and Response from Mayor to the Committee's Letter on Air Pollution Consultation**

**Report to: Environment Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 15 September 2016**

**This report will be considered in public**

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report sets out action taken under delegated authority by the Chair of the Environment Committee. It also sets out a reply from the Mayor to the Committee's letter regarding the Mayor's air pollution consultation.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the action taken by the Chair of the Environment Committee, Leonie Cooper AM, under delegated authority, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members, namely to agree:**
- (a) The Committee's response to the Mayor's air pollution consultation, attached at Appendix 1; and**
  - (b) The topic, scope and terms of reference for the Committee's meeting on 15 September 2016.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee notes the letter from the Mayor, attached at Appendix 2, replying to the Committee's response to the Mayor's air pollution consultation.**

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 Under Standing Orders and the Assembly's Scheme of Delegation, certain decisions by Members can be taken under delegated authority. This report details those actions.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 Following a discussion on air pollution in London at its meeting on 13 July 2016, the Environment Committee resolved:

*That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any output arising from the discussion.*

- 4.2 Following consultation with the party Group Lead Members, the Chair of the Committee, Leonie Cooper AM, agreed the Committee's response to the Mayor's air pollution consultation. The letter to the Mayor is attached at **Appendix 1**.

- 4.3 The response from the Mayor is attached at **Appendix 2** for noting. In the letter the Mayor states that Valerie Shawcross CBE, Deputy Mayor for Transport, will be able to answer some of the Committee's specific questions contained in its response to the Mayor's consultation on air pollution at the Committee's meeting on 15 September 2016. The report at **Agenda Item 6** gives more information on the Committee's question and answer session on the impacts of transport on the environment in London.

- 4.4 At its meeting on 13 July 2016, the Environment Committee resolved:

*That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members, to amend, if necessary, the topic, scope and terms of reference for the Committee's meeting on 15 September 2016.*

- 4.5 Following consultation with the party Group Lead Members, the Chair of the Committee, Leonie Cooper AM, agreed that the 15 September 2016 meeting be used for a discussion on the impacts of transport on the environment in London with invited guests. A report at **Agenda Item 6** gives more information about the session but it is anticipated that the Committee may wish to focus on:

- The Mayor's priorities and challenges in transport and its environmental aspects;
- Progress with the T-charge and ULEZ enhancements;
- Clean buses;
- Active travel;
- Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle emissions; and
- Other areas where transport policy and planning can help to improve London's environment.

## 5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in the report.

## 6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications to the Greater London Authority arising from this report.

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### List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 - Environment Committee response to the Mayor's air pollution consultation.

Appendix 2 – Letter from the Mayor to the Chair of the Environment Committee dated 5 September 2016.

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

List of Background Papers:

Member's Delegated Authority Form 728 (response to air pollution consultation)

Member's Delegated Authority Form 729 (Topic for 15 September meeting)

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