

# Subject: Economy Committee Work Programme

**Report to: Economy Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 13 December 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 agrees the work programme and priorities for 2016/17, as set out at paragraphs 4.2 – 4.4 of this report.**

## 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 Assembly agreed the following meeting slots for the Economy Committee during the 2016/17 Assembly year:

21 June 2016	13 December 2016
6 July 2016	17 January 2017
7 September 2016	3 February 2017
11 October 2016	2 March 2017
8 November 2016	

- 4.2 The initial priority topics identified by the Committee were:
- An overview of London’s economy;
  - Improving the quality and diversity of apprenticeships in London; and
  - The availability of industrial space, advice and support to enable small business growth.

4.3 The work programme has subsequently been amended to allow the Committee to consider the impacts of the European Union (EU) exit on the London economy. Revisions to the work programme were agreed at the Committee meetings on 6 July, 7 September and 11 October 2016.

4.4 The table below sets out the Committee’s current priority topics to March 2017:

13 December 2016	EU exit and London big businesses
17 January 2017	EU exit and migration
3 February 2017	Business space and support to SMEs
2 March 2017	Media (local news) provision in London

4.5 The scope, approaches and timings for the work in the above areas will be determined as the work programme continues to evolve, and the Committee will consider detailed scoping proposals for any new inquiries undertaken. Evidence to support the inquiries may be gathered through formal Committee meetings, informal briefings, and site visits, or a combination of approaches.

*EU exit and the London labour market*

4.6 At its meeting on 8 November 2016, the Committee discussed with expert guests the likely effects of an EU withdrawal on workers’ rights. The discussion considered the role of the EU in protecting workers’ rights, the potential for an EU exit to exacerbate low pay and in-work poverty, and potential risks to flexible and inclusive ways of working.

*Apprenticeships*

4.7 On 17 November 2016, the Chair hosted a roundtable event with a delegation of apprentices and staff from the City and Islington and Westminster Kingsway College. Delegates discussed their experiences in accessing apprenticeships, progression and the quality of training offered. This will feed into the Apprenticeships report currently being prepared by the Committee.

## **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.

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**List of appendices to this report:**

None.

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

List of Background Papers: None

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