

# Subject: Planning Committee Work Programme 2017/18

Report to: Planning Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 28 June 2017

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. This report sets out the timetable for Committee meetings in 2017/18 and the framework provided by the Committee's terms of reference which may be helpful to Members in drawing up the future work programme.

## 2. Recommendations

### 2.1 The Committee is recommended to:

- (a) **Note the report that sets out progress on the Committee's work programme;**
- (b) **Delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree the subject of the main agenda item for the Committee's next meeting on 7 September 2017; and**
- (c) **Delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree the final report of the rapporteur review by Nicky Gavron AM on the potential of offsite housing to help solve London's housing crisis [paragraph 4.8 of the report refers].**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 Members receive a report at each Committee meeting on the progress of the projects agreed as the basis for the work programme. Additional projects will be included in the work programme from time to time reflecting the need for the Committee to respond to tasks such as consultations or other events as necessary.

### **Criteria for topic selection**

- 3.2 The Committee's Terms of Reference provide a guide for the criteria for selecting topics for the work programme:

- (a) To examine and report from time to time on -
- Matters of importance to Greater London; and
  - The strategies, policies and actions of the Mayor and the Functional Bodies.

As they relate to spatial development and planning matters in London, in particular the Mayor's Spatial Development Strategy ('The London Plan');

- (b) When invited by the Mayor, to contribute to his consideration of major planning applications;
- (c) To monitor the Mayor's exercise of his statutory powers in regard to major planning applications referred by the local planning authorities, and to report to the Assembly with any proposal for submission to the Mayor for the improvement of the process;
- (d) To review the Local Development Documents submitted to the Mayor by the local planning authorities for consistency with his strategies overall, to prepare a response to the Mayor for consideration by the Assembly, and to monitor the Mayor's decisions with regard to Local Development Documents;
- (e) To consider planning matters on request from another standing committee and report its opinion to that standing committee;
- (f) To consider, as necessary, strategic planning matters as set out in The Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008 and to make recommendations as appropriate. (The Assembly has no powers in relation to any individual planning applications);
- (g) To respond on behalf of the Assembly to consultations and similar processes when within its terms of reference; and
- (h) To take into account in its deliberations the cross cutting themes of: the health of persons in Greater London; the achievement of sustainable development in the United Kingdom; climate change; and the promotion of opportunity.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

### Committee Meetings in 2017/18

- 4.1 At its Annual General Meeting on 3 May 2017 the Assembly agreed to re-establish the Planning Committee with the terms of reference set out in paragraph 3.2 above. The table below sets out the allocated dates for the Planning Committee in 2017/18.

Meeting date	Main agenda subject
28 June	A family friendly London
7 September	To be confirmed
14 November	To be confirmed
30 January	To be confirmed
28 February	To be confirmed
14 March	To be confirmed

- 4.2 The business for future dates is subject to change as the Committee develops proposals for its work. Dates may be used for formal Committee meetings, informal meetings, site visits or other activities. The work programme also provides for the Committee to respond to any matters that arise during the year.

### **Revisions to the London Plan**

- 4.3 The Committee's main priority for the coming year will be scrutiny of the Mayor's review of the London Plan. A public consultation version of this document is expected in November 2017.
- 4.4 Members are aware of the fact that all timings given for publication of Mayoral consultations are provisional, and are liable to slippage. This provides a challenge in relation to organising the Committee's work programme, especially in relation to scrutinising the Mayor's planning policy proposals.
- 4.5 Early discussions with the Chair and Deputy Chair have considered the potential need for additional meetings to allow proper and timely scrutiny of the Mayor's proposals to revise the London Plan and any supporting documents that are published as part of the supporting evidence base.
- 4.6 A previous BMAC decision established that, if during the year a committee modified its approved work programme and/or number of meetings in response to topical events, and an ad hoc extra meeting was called for, that would be permitted if the Members of the committee concerned agreed; if two or more Members of that committee did not agree to a proposal for an extra meeting, the matter would be referred to the GLA Oversight Committee for determination.<sup>1</sup>
- 4.7 Members are recommended to delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree the subject of the main agenda item for the Committee's next meeting on 7 September 2017 and to consider the need for additional meetings outside the timetable agreed by the Assembly.

### **Rapporteur review - the potential of offsite housing to help solve London's housing crisis**

- 4.8 On 17 October 2016 the Committee agreed to appoint Nicky Gavron AM as a rapporteur to investigate the potential of offsite manufactured housing to help solve London's housing crisis. The terms of reference for the investigation are:
1. What is the potential for modular and offsite housing to help solve London's housing crisis?
  2. What are the factors that have prevented, and are still preventing, the adoption of this type of housing more widely?
  3. What role can the Mayor play in removing barriers and accelerating the use of modular housing for London's new homes?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s36184/Committee%20Timetable%202014-15.pdf>

4.9 It is expected that the final draft report will be ready for agreement in the coming weeks. Members are recommended to delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree the final report of the rapporteur review by Nicky Gavron AM, and the report will be formally noted by the Committee at its next meeting on 7 September 2017.

## 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.

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
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List of Background Papers: None
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