

# Subject: Transport Committee Work Programme

**Report to: Transport Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 18 July 2017**

**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 2017/18 Assembly year.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme for 2017/18 Assembly year, including the schedule of prospective topics for forthcoming meetings set out at paragraph 4.14.**

## 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 discussed a number of priorities for the Committee's work programme in 2016/17. The following is a list of topics that the Committee is planning to explore:
- Mayor's Transport Strategy;
  - Car clubs;
  - Emerging transport technology ('future transport');
  - Pedicabs; and
  - Motorcycle safety.
- 4.2 In addition to the above, the Committee will also consider whether to undertake scrutiny of the following topics, with further decisions to be made later in 2017/18 about specific projects and meetings:
- Demand management on public transport;
  - 20mph speed limits;
  - Cycling infrastructure and the Cycle Hire scheme;
  - Crossrail 2; and

- Heathrow Airport surface transport access.

- 4.3 The Committee would also seek to hold a meeting with the Commissioner of Transport for London (TfL) toward the end of 2017/18.
- 4.4 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.

### **Mayor's Transport Strategy**

- 4.5 The Mayor has published a draft of a new Transport Strategy, setting out the overarching transport policies for London. The Committee will respond to the draft strategy, and plans to use today's meeting and a further meeting on 18 July to discuss this with transport experts and stakeholders, Transport for London and the Mayor's Office.

### **Future transport**

- 4.6 There is a range of new technology being applied in the transport sector, including autonomous vehicles (also known as driverless cars), drones, and app-based services. These technologies may change the way people use the transport network, potentially transforming the user experience and the way traditional transport services are delivered. The Mayor is exploring how new technology can be applied through a new Smart London Board.
- 4.7 Officers are currently scoping an investigation on this topic. The Committee would use its September and October meetings to discuss this topic.

### **Pedicabs**

- 4.8 The Government has proposed new legal powers for Transport for London to regulate pedicabs (also known as rickshaws) in London, although specific plans are yet to be confirmed. At present, pedicab operators do not require a license to take passengers on London's roads, unlike taxi and private hire services. Concerns have been expressed over a number of years in relation to pedicabs about the passenger safety, traffic congestion and over-charging.
- 4.9 The Committee is likely to use one of its meetings in Autumn 2017 to discuss this topic.

### **Motorcycle safety**

- 4.10 The Committee published a report on motorcycle safety in early 2016, recommending measures to increase the take-up of training and access to bus lanes. TfL's previous Motorcycle Safety Action Plan has now reached the end of its timeframe for implementation and may need to be updated. The Committee is looking to follow-up its previous recommendations on this topic.
- 4.11 The Committee is likely to use one its meetings in Autumn 2017 to discuss this topic.

### **Bus services**

- 4.12 The Committee investigated London's bus services in 2016/17. Two reports from this work are currently being prepared, on bus safety and bus network planning. Further details will be provided at a future meeting of the committee.

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

- 4.13 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</b>
Report on personal budgets in door to door services	Response from TfL due by the end of July 2017

### **2016/17 schedule of meetings**

- 4.14 The schedule of the remaining Transport Committee meetings for 2016/17 is set out below with details of the main prospective topics identified to date:
- Wednesday 14 June 2017 – Car clubs;
  - Wednesday 12 July 2017 – Mayor’s Transport Strategy;
  - Tuesday 18 July 2017 – Mayor’s Transport Strategy;
  - Tuesday 12 September 2017 – Future transport; and
  - Tuesday 10 October 2017 – Future transport.

## **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:**

None

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