

Subject: Cycling Infrastructure

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 6 December 2017

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the background to a discussion on cycling infrastructure with the previous Mayor's Cycling Commissioner.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report as background to putting questions to Andrew Gilligan on cycling infrastructure and notes the discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Transport Committee has launched an investigation into London's cycling infrastructure. This investigation will examine the Mayor's and Transport for London's (TfL) approach to cycling infrastructure. It will look back at the changes that have been introduced to infrastructure in recent years and consider how effective they have been at increasing cycling, and their effect on other road users. It will seek to clarify the current Mayor's cycling priorities in the context of his Healthy Streets agenda, and recommend ways of using infrastructure to increase cycling take-up.
- 3.2 The Committee will be meeting with a range of experts and stakeholders during the investigation, including at Committee meetings and on a planned site visit. The terms of reference agreed by the Committee in November were:
- To examine the Mayor's strategy for London's cycling infrastructure, considering how his Healthy Streets approach will differ from previous approaches.
 - To hold the Mayor to account on delivering his manifesto commitments on cycling.
 - To assess the effectiveness of existing infrastructure schemes, particularly Cycle Superhighways and Quietways.
 - To consider ways to improve public consultation about cycling infrastructure schemes.
 - To recommend ways of using cycling infrastructure to increase cycling take-up.

3.3 Previous work of the Transport Committee on cycling includes:

- A major report on cycling in 2012, recommending increased segregation of cycling infrastructure.¹ A follow-up report in 2014 recommended further work to make junctions safer.²
- In 2009, Joanne McCartney AM led a rapporteurship for the Committee on cycle parking. This found that TfL's delivery of additional parking spaces was not keeping pace with its ambitions for an increase in cycling.³
- The Committee is currently undertaking an investigation on future transport, examining emerging technology in the transport sector. This is considering app-based services, including new 'dockless' cycle hire services.
- Caroline Russell AM has recently been undertaking a rapporteurship for the Committee on walking and cycling at outer London junctions. This has considering what improvements could be made to make these junctions safer and support modal shift to walking and cycling.

3.4 Andrew Gilligan worked under the previous Mayor Boris Johnson as his Cycling Commissioner. In this role he worked closely with Transport for London to develop and deliver schemes such as Cycle Superhighways and Mini-Hollands. Mr Gilligan is also a Senior Correspondent at the Sunday Times and Head of the Capital City Foundation at Policy Exchange.

4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 The following guests have been invited to the meeting to discuss cycling infrastructure:

- Andrew Gilligan.

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.

List of appendices to this report: None.

¹ <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/london-assembly/london-assembly-publications/gearing>

² <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/about-us/london-assembly/london-assembly-publications/cycling-report-update>

³ <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/london-assembly/london-assembly-publications/stand-and-deliver-cycle-parking-london>

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List of Background Papers: None

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