

Subject: Transport Committee Work Programme

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 12 September 2018

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of planned scrutiny work by the Transport Committee and the schedule of Committee meetings for the remainder of the 2018/19 Assembly year.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee agrees its work programme for the remainder of the 2018/19 Assembly year, as set out in the 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 following is a list of topics that the Committee is aiming to explore in this Assembly year:
- River services;
 - National Rail;
 - Taxi and private hire services;
 - Freight;
 - Healthy streets; and
 - The Night Tube.
- 4.2 The Committee will also seek to hold a meeting with the Commissioner of Transport for London (TfL) towards the end of 2018/19, most likely on 14 March 2019. The Committee will also seek to meet the new Deputy Mayor for Transport.
- 4.3 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.

National Rail

- 4.4 The Committee is conducting an investigation into London's National Rail network. The Chair agreed the scope and terms of reference of the investigation in consultation with party Group Lead Members. A site visit and informal roundtable meeting have also been undertaken; findings will be reported to Members at a later date.
- 4.5 The Committee held an urgent discussion on 25 June 2018, on the disruptions affecting rail passengers using services run by Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) since a new timetable was introduced in May 2018. It was also proposed that Members delegate authority to the Chair in consultation with party Group Lead Members to agree a submission to the Office of Rail and Road's inquiry into the disruptions.¹ A response is included under **Agenda Item 5**.

Night Tube

- 4.6 TfL launched the Night Tube service around two years ago, progressively extending the service to additional lines. The Committee will use its meeting today to consider any challenges the service may face such as passenger usage, finances, anti-social behaviour and noise complaints.

Taxi and Private hire

- 4.7 The Committee is planning to investigate taxi and private hire services, following up its 2014 report and subsequent scrutiny. This will include discussions at Committee meetings in October and November 2018. It was agreed at the 13 June 2018 Committee meeting to delegate authority to the Chair in consultation with party Group Lead Members to agree the scope and terms of reference for the investigation.

Healthy Streets

- 4.8 The Mayor has made the delivery of Healthy Streets a key priority of his Transport Strategy. Two new action plans on walking and road safety have been published in support of this. The Committee will discuss this topic at its meeting in December 2018.

Elizabeth Line

- 4.9 On 31 August 2018, Crossrail Ltd announced that it was delaying the opening of the central section of the Elizabeth line, which had been scheduled for December 2018. The Committee has monitored the delivery of the Elizabeth line in recent years via meetings and site visits (see below). The Committee has invited the Mayor's Office, TfL, Crossrail and the Department for Transport to today's meeting and will consider what further scrutiny is required to examine reasons for and implications of this delay.

Site visits

- 4.10 The Committee carried out a site visit to Tottenham Court Road on 6 June 2018 to view Crossrail Ltd's progress constructing a new Elizabeth Line station at this site.

Responses to recent Transport Committee work

- 4.11 The table below provides details of any responses due from the Mayor, TfL and/or others to Committee work.

| Transport Committee work | Details of responses due |
|---------------------------------|---|
| London's cycling infrastructure | Response from Mayor and TfL due by 31 August 2018 |

¹ <http://orr.gov.uk/news-and-media/press-releases/2018/orr-launches-independent-inquiry-into-may-timetable-disruption>

London TravelWatch

- 4.12 The GLA Act establishes London TravelWatch as an arms-length body of the London Assembly. London TravelWatch provides regular reports to the Transport Committee. The next report is expected to be considered at the Committee meeting in October 2018.

Heathrow Airport

- 4.13 A number of London Assembly committees have a remit to consider the implications of the proposal to expand Heathrow Airport, which is opposed by the Assembly. The Transport Committee scrutiny focuses on surface transport access to Heathrow. In 2018/19 the Committee will be considering this during its investigation of National Rail services, its investigation of taxi and private hire services and any scrutiny of the decision to delay the opening of the Elizabeth line.

Schedule of meetings

- 4.14 The schedule of the remaining Transport Committee meetings for 2018/19 is set out below with details of the main prospective topics identified to date:
- 9 October 2018 – Taxi and private hire cars;
 - 13 November 2018 – Taxi and private hire cars;
 - 5 December 2018 – Healthy Streets;
 - 9 January 2019 – to be confirmed;
 - 5 February 2019 – to be confirmed; and
 - 14 March 2019 – TfL Commissioner.

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.

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| Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 |
| List of Background Papers: None |
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