

Subject: Economy Committee Work Programme

Report to: Economy Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 30 October 2018

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. Recommendations

2.1 **That the Committee notes the work programme and priorities for 2018/19, as set out at paragraphs 4.2 to 4.5 of the report.**

2.2 **That the Committee agrees the proposals for the Committee's November 2018 meeting slot as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, namely to agree to look at the impact of universal credit on self employed Londoners.**

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's calendar of meetings for 2018/19 was agreed at the London Assembly's Annual Meeting on 10 May 2018. The Committee is scheduled to meet on:

20 November 2018	12 March 2019
4 December 2018	3 April 2019
17 January 2019	

4.2 Initial priority areas identified informally by Members include:

- Mayoral support for micro businesses in London;
- Preparing London for Brexit; and

- The London Economic Action Partnership;

4.3 The table below sets out a proposed schedule of topics for November 2018. Members are requested to agree the proposed schedule:

Date	Topic
20 November 2018	Committee meeting: Managing finances under universal credit – the self-employed

4.4 The following paragraphs set out the proposed focus for each of the above priority topics:

The financial health of Londoners

- It is proposed that the Committee use its meeting slot in November 2018 to follow up on the recommendations made in the Committee’s report, *Short Changed: the financial health of Londoners*, published in January 2018, by looking at what support is available to self-employed people who are also claiming universal credit.
- The Committee will discuss with experts and stakeholders the consequences of Universal Credit’s minimum income floor on self-employed Londoners, the “gainful self-employment” test, what support is available to help self-employed Londoners deal with Universal Credit and income volatility, and what actions the Mayor can take to support self-employed Londoners more.

4.5 A scoping paper setting out the proposed scope and approach for the investigation is attached at **Appendix 1**.

4.7 The scope, approaches and timings for further work later in the year will be determined as the work programme evolves, and the Committee will consider detailed scoping proposals for any new inquiries undertaken.

4.8 Evidence to support the inquiries may be gathered through formal committee meetings, informal briefings, and site visits, or a combination of approaches.

Committee responses to Mayoral Strategies

4.9 The Mayor published the draft London Sport Strategy on 20 July 2018 and is inviting stakeholder comments on his proposed priority areas and plans for sport. A response will be agreed by Members under delegated authority.

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.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Scoping paper for November 2018 meeting

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List of Background Papers: None.

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