

Subject: Economy Committee Work Programme

Report to: Economy Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 17 January 2019

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 agrees the work programme and priorities for the remainder of the 2018/19 Assembly year, as set out at paragraphs 4.2 to 4.6 of the report.**

2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chairman, in consultation with party Group Lead Members to agree the scope for the Committee's meetings on 12 March 2019 and 3 April 2019.**

2.3 **That the Committee notes the Impact Review of *What Works for Microbusiness*, attached at Appendix 1 to this 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 Committee's calendar of meetings for the 2018/19 Assembly year was agreed at the London Assembly's Annual Meeting on 10 May 2018. The Committee is scheduled to meet on:

12 March 2019	3 April 2019
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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 the next two meetings. Members are requested to agree the proposed schedule:

Date	Topic
12 March 2019	Minicab firms in suburban London
3 April 2019	Minicab firms in suburban London

- 4.4 It is proposed that the Committee use its two remaining meeting slots in the 2018/19 Assembly year for a scrutiny review of minicab firms in London.
- 4.5 The Economy Committee is planning to investigate the minicab market in London. The investigation will examine the challenges affecting the economic survival of small minicabs operators in London; and establish what actions the Mayor can take to support minicab firm owners to flourish in London.
- 4.6 Evidence to support the inquiries may be gathered through formal committee meetings, informal briefings, and site visits, or a combination of approaches.
- 4.7 It is recommended that authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members, to agree the scope for the 12 March 2019 and 3 April 2019 meeting slots.

What Works for Microbusinesses

- 4.8 The Committee agreed its report, *What works for microbusinesses*, at its meeting on 12 September 2018. The report is available on the GLA's website [here](#)¹. The report *What Works for Microbusinesses* sets out the challenges microbusinesses face in London, whether just starting out in business, established or 'stressed'.
- 4.9 Responses to the Committee's report have been received from Sue Terpilowski OBE, London Policy Chair, Federation of Small Businesses, Krissie Nicolson, Director, East End Trades Guild and the Mayor. The impact review, attached at **Appendix 1** to this report, summarises the responses and impact of the report and is attached for Members to note.

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.

¹ https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/30-08-2018_micro_business_final_and_agreed_.pdf

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Impact Review – *What works for microbusinesses* report

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers: None.

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