

Subject: Planning Committee Work Programme

Report to: Planning Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 25 April 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. This report also sets out the timetable for Committee meetings in 2019/20.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the summary of work completed during the 2018/19 Assembly year.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee notes the provisional schedule of meetings for the 2019/20 Assembly year, which is subject to agreement at the Annual Meeting of the London Assembly on 2 May 2019.**
- 2.3 **That the Committee notes the topic agreed by the GLA Oversight Committee on 8 April 2019 for the Committee's meeting in June 2019.**
- 2.4 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree**
- (a) Any further outputs relating to the Committee's investigations in the 2018/19 Assembly year; and**
 - (b) Arrangements for any site visits, informal meetings or engagement activities before the Committee's next formal meeting.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee receives a report outlining future topics for its work programme at each meeting. As this is the last meeting of the Assembly year, this report provides an overview of work undertaken in 2018/19 and sets out the proposed schedule of meetings for 2019/20.
- 3.2 On 8 April 2019, the GLA Oversight Committee approved the Assembly's work programme for May and June 2019.

4. Issues for Consideration

The Committee's work in 2018/19

- 4.1 The Planning Committee held four formal meetings during the 2018/19 year. The subjects discussed are included in the table below.

Committee Meeting	Subject
27 June 2018	- Tall Buildings Implications for Draft London Plan Policy
18 July 2018	- Strategic Housing Market Assessment – Implications for London Plan Policy - Managing London's Residential Densities - Implications for London Plan Policy
9 October 2018	- The Draft London Plan and Housing in Outer London
25 April 2019	- Neighbourhood Planning and London's Communities

Planning Committee meetings in June, July and October 2018.

- 4.2 For the agenda items discussed at Planning Committee meetings held on 27 June 2018, 18 July 2018 and 9 October 2018, external experts were invited to discuss the matters with the Planning Committee. Information from each of these sessions was used as part of the Committee's participation in the Examination in Public (EiP) for the draft London Plan.

Neighbourhood Planning and London's Communities

At the Committee meeting on 25 April 2019, the Committee will hold a discussion with external experts on the progress of implementing neighbourhood planning in London, following on from two previous Planning Committee reports in 2012 and 2014. The meeting will focus on a number of issues for consideration which are included in the report at **Agenda Item 6**.

- 4.3 *Examination in Public*

The Planning Committee were invited to participate in 53 matters as part of the EiP, which commenced on 14 January 2019 and will continue until 17 May 2019. In October 2018 the Planning Committee submitted written arguments for representation on an additional 17 'matters', and in November 2018 attended the technical seminars to answer questions on various issues in the Plan's evidence base. The Planning Committee has attended 28 EiP sessions and has also submitted a total of 34 written responses to different 'matters', which are listed below, and are available online.¹

- Good Growth [M9];
- Format, Scope and Content of the Plan [M7];
- Overall Spatial Development Strategy [M10, M11, M12];
- Opportunity Areas [M14];
- Strategic and Local Regeneration [M15];

¹ <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/london-plan/new-london-plan/examination-public-draft-new-london-plan/written-statements>

- Wider South East and Beyond [M16];
- Housing Requirement [M17];
- Housing Strategy [M18];
- Housing Supply (SHLAA) and Targets [M19];
- Small Sites [M20];
- Affordable Housing [M24];
- Other Housing Matters [M23, M28];
- Density [M35];
- Tall Buildings, Public Realm and Basements [M41];
- Heritage and Culture; Historic Environment, WHSs and LVMF [M45];
- Creative Industries, Night Time Economy, Public Houses [M48, M49];
- Land for Industry, Logistics and Services [M62];
- Low Cost and Affordable Business Space [M60];
- Green Infrastructure, Open Space and Urban Greening [M60];
- Biodiversity, Trees, Food Growing and Geodiversity [M66];
- Sustainable Infrastructure [M67];
- Waste Reduction and Management including circular economy [M68, M69];
- Social Infrastructure [M51, M52, M53, M54, M55];
- Waterways [M86]; and
- Town Centres and Retailing [M89].

Consultation Responses

- 4.4 The Committee also noted formal responses to consultations on the Draft London Plan² and the National Planning Policy Framework Consultation³.

Schedule of meetings 2019/20

- 4.5 The schedule of 2019/20 meetings, subject to confirmation at the London Assembly's Annual Meeting on 2 May 2018, are set out below:
- Wednesday 26 June 2019
 - Thursday 11 July 2019
 - Wednesday 18 September 2019
 - Wednesday 13 November 2019
 - Thursday 23 January 2020

² <https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/london-assembly/london-assembly-publications/london-plan-response>

³ <https://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s70953/11b%20-%20Appendix%201%20National%20Planning%20Policy%20Framework%20Consultation.pdf>

- Wednesday 18 March 2020

4.6 At its meeting on 8 April 2019, the GLA Oversight Committee agreed the work programme for May and June 2019 for the London Assembly's committees, including the Planning Committee. It agreed that the Planning Committee's meeting slot in June 2019 would be allocated to Delivering Inclusive Design across London. The Committee is asked to note the topic for its meeting slot in June 2019, as agreed by the GLA Oversight Committee.

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 to the Greater London Authority arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report: None

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