

# Subject: Transport Committee Work Programme

**Report to: Transport Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 9 October 2019**

**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 2019/20 Assembly year.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee receives a report monitoring the progress of its work programme at each meeting. This is the first such report for this Assembly year.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The following is a list of topics that the Committee is aiming to explore in this Assembly year:
- Tram and bus safety;
  - London's transport now and in the future; and
  - Accessibility of London's transport network.
- 4.2 The Committee will also seek to hold a meeting with the Commissioner of Transport for London (TfL) towards the end of 2019/20.
- 4.3 The Committee's remaining work programme will be developed over the year and will be agreed by the GLA Oversight Committee. 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.
- Tram and bus safety**
- 4.4 The Committee is investigating tram and bus safety in London. The Committee's first meeting on the issue was on 12 June 2019. On 10 July 2019, the Committee visited a tram depot, where safety technology, such as the Guardian device, was demonstrated. The Committee also received a briefing

on hazard braking and an opportunity to try safety training tram simulators. The Committee held its anticipated final meeting on this topic on 11 September 2019.

#### **London's transport now and in the future**

- 4.5 The Committee started its investigation into London's transport now and in the future. This investigation will look at the factors that will impact London's transport, and explore what Londoners want to see from the transport network in the future. The meeting today involves a roundtable with the aim of discussing Londoners' experience with moving around the city.

#### **Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf bridge**

- 4.6 On 21 June 2019, the Deputy Mayor for Transport, Heidi Alexander, wrote to the Chair of the Committee to inform her that TfL had "paused" development work on the proposed bridge over the Thames between Rotherhithe and Canary Wharf. The Committee held a meeting to discuss this with the Deputy Mayor on 19 July 2019. The Committee will continue to monitor the implications of this announcement.

#### **Accessibility of London's transport network**

- 4.7 The Committee will conduct an investigation into accessibility on the transport network in London, exploring visible and invisible disabilities. In this investigation, the Committee will explore the progress the Mayor and TfL have made in making London's streets and public transport more accessible and inclusive.

#### **London TravelWatch**

- 4.8 The GLA Act establishes London TravelWatch (LTW) as an arms-length body of the London Assembly. London TravelWatch provides regular reports to the Transport Committee. The Committee will consider LTW's Business Plan and Budget bid 2020-21 at **Agenda Item 5**.

#### **Schedule of meetings**

- 4.9 The schedule of the remaining Transport Committee meetings for 2019/20 is set out below with details of the main prospective topics identified to date, with the remainder to be confirmed:
- Wednesday, 10 July 2019, 10.00am - London's transport now and in the future
  - Friday, 19 July 2019, 10.00am – Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf Crossing
  - Wednesday 11 September 2019, 10.00am - London's transport now and in the future; Bus and Tram Safety
  - Wednesday 9 October 2019, 10.00am - Accessibility of London's transport network; London TravelWatch Business Plan 2020-21
  - Tuesday 12 November 2019, 10.00am - Accessibility of London's transport network
  - Tuesday 17 December 2019, 10.00am
  - Wednesday 8 January 2020, 10.00am
  - Tuesday 4 February 2020, 10.00am
  - Thursday 12 March 2020, 10.00am – Meeting with the Transport 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.

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### List of appendices to this report:

None

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
List of Background Papers: None
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