

Subject: Transport Committee Work Programme

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 22 July 2020

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

1.1 This report sets out progress on the Transport Committee's work programme.

2. Recommendation

2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme, as agreed under delegated authority by the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee in May 2020, and 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

Accessibility of London's transport network

4.1 The Committee investigated accessibility on the transport network in London, exploring visible and invisible disabilities. In this investigation, the Committee explored the progress the Mayor and Transport for London (TfL) has made in making London's streets and public transport more accessible and inclusive. A stakeholder engagement event with members of the public to hear individual accounts of the accessibility of London's transport system was held on 8 January 2020. The Committee published the findings of this investigation in March 2020. A response from the Mayor and Transport for London is due imminently.

Network Rail Consultation – Brighton Mainline

4.2 On 1 June 2020, Network Rail launched a consultation, *Unblocking the Croydon Bottleneck*, on proposals to improve capacity in the Croydon area and to improve services along the Brighton Main Line. The deadline for submissions is 20 September 2020. At its meeting on 15 June, the Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and party Group Lead Members, to agree a response to the consultation. The response will be published in due course.

Meeting schedule

- 4.6 The Committee's work programme was formally approved under delegated authority by the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee in May 2020 and has been designed to proactively examine issues of interest arising from the COVID-19 crisis.
- 4.7 During the COVID-19 crisis, lockdown and the continuing need to maintain social distancing the Committee's work programme will be focused on COVID-19's impact on transport. The Committee will meet virtually.
- 4.8 The upcoming work programme has been designed so that it can proactively examine issues of interest arising from the COVID-19 crisis and how transport will be impacted as lockdown is eased. The Committee has written to the new TfL Commissioner to welcome to his new role and to invite him to a future Committee meeting. It is expected that this will take place in the autumn. The Committee may also want to continue its review of Crossrail in light of the COVID-19 crisis. Additional meetings will be agreed by the London Assembly in due course.

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

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