

# Subject: Environment Committee Work Programme

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Environment Committee</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director of Secretariat</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>15 November 2021</b>
<b>Public Access:</b>	<b>This report will be considered in public</b>

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the work programme for the Environment Committee for the remainder of the 2021/22 Assembly year.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme and informal activity, namely invitations to the Southwark Council Staff Climate Network and COP26.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee notes the response received from the Mayor of London regarding London's engagement with COP26, as well as the additional correspondence sent and received on this subject.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee receives a report monitoring the progress of its work programme at each meeting.
- 3.2 The Committee's work programme is intended to enable the Committee to effectively fulfil its role: to examine and report on matters relating to the environment in London and to lead on scrutiny of the Mayor's Environment Strategy.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

### Schedule of Meetings

- 4.1 The Committee's meeting schedule was formally approved by the London Assembly at its Mayor's Question Time meeting on 15 July 2021, with the work programme subsequently approved by the GLA Oversight Committee on 15 September 2021. It is proposed that the investigations are approached as follows:

15 November 2021	Circular Economy, Waste & Recycling in London
13 December 2021	Climate Adaptation & Climate Risks in London (Part 2)
27 January 2022	Ecological Corridors & Biodiversity (TBC)
22 February 2022	Town Hall with Campaign Groups & Deputy Mayor Q&A (TBC)
21 March 2022	ULEZ & Air Pollution (TBC)

### Correspondence

- 4.2 Following consultation with party Group Lead Members, the Chair agreed a letter to the Mayor of London on realising the opportunities from COP26 (as sent on 13 August 2021 and previously reported to Committee). A response was received on 25 October 2021 and is attached at **Appendix 1** for noting.
- 4.3 The Chair also wrote to the Mayor of London requesting participation in the delegation to COP26, writing in similar terms to the [The Rt Hon] Alok Sharma MP as President for COP26. This letter is attached at **Appendix 2**, with the response received on 29 October 2021 at **Appendix 3**, for noting.

### Informal Activity

- 4.4 Further to the above correspondence, the Chair and Deputy Chairman are now set to attend COP26 in Glasgow on the 10 November (transport focus), and 11 November (cities and regions day), following accreditation extended by the Cabinet Office.
- 4.5 On 4 November 2021, the Chair spoke at the Southwark Council Staff Climate Network on the importance of COP26 being hosted in the UK, and the growing role of cities, municipalities and local leadership in accelerating climate action.

## 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 to the GLA arising from this report.

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**List of appendices to this report:**

None

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

List of Background Papers: None

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