

Subject: Congestion on the Road Network

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 9 March 2011

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report provides background information to the Transport Committee in relation to its meeting with invited guests as part of its investigation into congestion on the road network.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report and puts questions to representatives of the Mayor's Office, Transport for London (TfL), Royal Automobile Club Foundation for Motoring (RAC Foundation), the Road Haulage Association and the London Borough of Islington.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee has agreed to carry out an investigation into congestion on the road network with the following terms of reference:
- What are the implications for the capacity of the road network of the projected growth in population and economic activity?; and
 - What policies should be explored to reduce and manage future road congestion?
- 3.2 For further information about the investigation, please refer to the report setting out the detailed proposal. This is available as part of the minutes for the Committee meeting on 12 January 2011 at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/moderngov/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=4194&T=11>
- 3.3 The focus of the Committee's investigation is the more strategic longer-term issues about population and employment growth in London, the resulting consequences for travel and traffic, and the development of the road network. Transport for London will be publishing its Network Operating Strategy in the first half of this year. This will include more detail on various projects and initiatives, such as SCOOT development, roadworks permits, lane rental, traffic signal removals, pedestrian countdown, and signal timing reviews. The Committee may decide to examine these issues in more detail once the Network Operating Strategy has been published.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The following guests have been invited to attend this meeting to discuss congestion on the road network:
- Kulveer Ranger, Mayor's Transport Adviser;
 - Garrett Emmerson, Chief Operating Officer, London Streets, Surface Transport, TfL;
 - Professor Stephen Glaister, Director, RAC Foundation;
 - John Howells, Southern and Eastern Region Director, Road Haulage Association; and
 - Nathan Kaczmarek, Principal Planner, London Borough of Islington.
- 4.2 In advance of the meeting, the Committee has published a background document to provide the basis for the discussion. This is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 4.3 This background document sets out the scale and location of road congestion. It also summarises the projected effect of population increases on road congestion and the expected contributions from different policies in resolving this issue.

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 GLA arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Background document for discussion.

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