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Title: **Proposed London Assembly timetable and Work Programme for January - March 2021**

Executive Summary

The proposed timetable and Work Programme for the London Assembly's committees and panels for the period January to March 2021 is set out for approval.

Decision

That the Chair approves the proposed timetable, at **Appendix 1** and draft Work Programme, at **Appendix 2**, for the London Assembly's Committees and Panels for the period January – March 2021.

Assembly Member

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in the proposed decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for elected Members of the Authority.

The above request has my approval.

Signature



Date: 3 December 2020

Printed Name: Len Duvall AM

Decision by an Assembly Member under Delegated Authority

Notes:

1. The Lead Officer should prepare this form for signature by relevant Members of the Assembly to record any instance where the Member proposes to take action under a specific delegated authority. The purpose of the form is to record the advice received from officers, and the decision made.
2. **The ‘background’ section (below) should be used to include an indication as to whether the information contained in / referred to in this Form should be considered as exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). If so, the specimen Annexe (attached below) should be used. If this form does deal with exempt information, you must submit both parts of this form for approval together.**

Background and proposed next steps:

At its meeting on 3 September 2020, the London Assembly resolved:

“That, in relation to urgent matters only, a general delegation of authority in respect of the Assembly’s powers and functions (apart from those that cannot under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 be delegated) be given to the Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee, in consultation with the Deputy Chairman of that Committee, party Group Leaders, Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM and any relevant committee Chair(s), from 3 September 2020 to 17 December 2020.”

The proposed timetable at **Appendix 1**, and Work Programme at **Appendix 2**, for the London Assembly’s committees and panels for the period January to March 2021 are now set out for formal approval, under the terms of the delegation set out above, to provide a framework for the Assembly’s work for the period up until 31 March 2021.

The Deputy Chairman of GLA Oversight Committee, party Group Leaders and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM have been consulted on the draft Work Programme.

The Work Programme will be reported back to the GLA Oversight Committee at its next formal meeting.

Confirmation that appropriate delegated authority exists for this decision

Signed by Committee Services		Date	23/11/2020
Print Name: Davena Toyinbo		Tel:	X 1285

Financial implications NOT REQUIRED

NOTE: Finance comments and signature are required only where there are financial implications arising or the potential for financial implications.

Signed by Finance	N/A	Date
Print Name	N/A	Tel:

Legal implications

The Chair of the GLA Oversight Committee has the power to make the decision set out in this report.

Signed by Legal



Date 23/11/2020

Print Name

Emma Strain, Monitoring Officer

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Supporting detail/List of Consultees:

Deputy Chairman of GLA Oversight Committee, party Group Leaders and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM

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Part 1 – Deferral**Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred?**

Until what date: N/A

Part 2 – Sensitive information

Only the facts or advice that would be exempt from disclosure under FoIA or EIR should be included in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a part 2 form - NO

Lead Officer/Author

Signed

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Countersigned by
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Date: 24/11/20

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Proposed London Assembly work programme for 2021 (January-March)

1. It was agreed by Group Leaders at previous meetings in 2020, that throughout this Assembly year to date, scrutiny activity should maintain a strategic focus on COVID-19, with an increased frequency of meetings for Committees that are covering more urgent and immediate business related to the pandemic, such as Budget and Performance, Transport, Economy, Health, and Police and Crime.
2. With both public and political focus continuing to be firmly fixed on COVID-19 over the next few months, it would be sensible for the Assembly to also focus solely on issues associated with COVID-19 over the early 2021 period (Q4 in the Assembly year).
3. The dates listed against the sessions below are based on the draft Committee timetable that has been before Group Leaders in early 2020. These sessions would allow for necessary accountability sessions to take place with key mayoral appointees (including for end of term meetings), covering critical aspects relating to the coronavirus outbreak in particular – and with the GLA Oversight Committee retaining coordination for scrutiny into the COVID-19 response:
 - An **Audit Panel** meeting on Wednesday 10 March;
 - The **Budget & Performance Committee**, to undertake the full Budget scrutiny process as is done in all years, with the following key dates:
 - Monday 4 January 2021;
 - Tuesday 5 January 2021;
 - Plenary (Draft Budget) on Wednesday 27 January;
 - MQT (Final Budget) on Thursday, 25 February;
 - As well as a final B&PC meeting on Wednesday, 3 March.
 - The **Economy Committee** to meet on Wednesday 20 January and on Tuesday, 2 March (the latter possibly for an end of term session with the Deputy Mayor);
 - The **Education Panel** to meet on Wednesday, 10 March (possibly for an end of term session with the Deputy Mayor);
 - The **Environment Committee** to meet on Tuesday, 23 February (possibly for an end of term session with the Deputy Mayor);
 - An **EU Exit Working Group** session on Tuesday, 26 January;
 - The **Fire, Resilience and Emergency Planning Committee** to meet on Wednesday, 3 February (possibly for an end of term session with the Deputy Mayor);
 - The **Health Committee** to meet on Thursday, 28 January and on Tuesday, 16 March;

- The **Housing Committee** to meet on Tuesday, 9 February (possibly for an end of term session with the Deputy Mayor);
 - **Mayor’s Question Time** meetings on Thursday 21 January, Thursday 25 February (as mentioned in the BPC section above) and Thursday, 18 March;
 - **GLA Oversight Committee** meetings on Wednesday 13 January and Tuesday 9 March;
 - The **Police and Crime Committee** to meet on Thursday 14 January, Wednesday 24 February and Wednesday 17 March (the latter possibly for an end of term session with the Deputy Mayor and the Met Commissioner).;
 - The **Planning & Regeneration Committee** to meet on Wednesday 3 March (possibly for an end of term session with the Deputy Mayor);
 - **London Assembly Plenary** sessions on the Wednesday 27 January (on the Mayor’s draft budget, as detailed in the BPC session above), Thursday 4 February and Thursday 4 March, on topics TBC; and
 - The **Transport Committee** to meet on Thursday 11 February, and Thursday 11 March (the latter possibly for an end of term session with the Deputy Mayor and the TfL Commissioner).
4. There may be a need to move some meeting dates and times, depending on guest and Member availability.
 5. There may be occasions where additional meetings will be necessary to respond to events as they arise; any such requests should be referred to Group Leaders.
 6. All morning meetings will be scheduled to start at 10am; all afternoon meetings will start at 2pm.
 7. Further detail on the topics and the content of the meetings will shortly be decided in consultation with Group Leaders, Committee Chairs and Committee Members.
 8. In order to prepare for the sessions listed above, discussions with the relevant Chairs and Committee Members should start imminently. Any suggestions of meeting dates and public activity that would be additional to the work programme and phasing of activity agreed within this paper would need to be raised with Group Leaders for their consideration.
 9. That being said, all Committees should continue undertaking a broad range of activities, separate to the meeting schedule – such as responding to various Government consultations and inquiries on COVID-19.