

# Subject: Pedestrian Safety

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 9 January 2014

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 to discuss pedestrian safety in London.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report and puts questions on pedestrian safety in London to the invited guests and notes the discussion.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the output from the Committee's work on pedestrian safety in London.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee has agreed to use this meeting to discuss pedestrian safety in London. This will cover progress in improving pedestrian safety and encouraging more people to make journeys on foot. This will include exploring the underlying factors contributing to injuries to pedestrians and exploring the impact of existing road policy on pedestrians. It provides an opportunity for the Committee to follow up its previous reports and recommendations on these issues including its report on provision for walking in London, *Walk This Way* (October 2010), and its previous work looking at the possible benefits of introducing 20 mile per hour (mph) speed limits in London.
- 3.2 At its meeting on 4 November 2013, the Assembly passed a motion expressing its deep concern at the rise in the rates of pedestrians killed and seriously injured (KSIs) and calling on the Mayor to provide a full report to the Assembly on the actions he plans to take as Chair of Transport for London (TfL) to reverse this rise. The motion also requested that TfL should publish more complete data including quarterly figures for fatal and major accidents involving buses and the worst performing bus companies and routes. The motion also called on the Mayor and TfL to lobby Westminster Council to encourage the wider use of 20 mph zones within the borough particularly at high risk locations including Oxford Street. This follows on from a motion in January 2013 in which the Assembly called on the Mayor to review speed limits on the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN) and introduce more 20mph speed limits in response to requests from stakeholders. The motion also called on TfL to publish the rationale for retaining the 30mph limit where they decline a request from a local council to reduce it to 20 mph including modelling data and supporting detail.

- 3.3 The Mayor's Road Safety Action Plan (June 2013) set out a number of action points to reduce the number of total road casualties in London by 40 per cent by 2020 and committed to the publication of a targeted Pedestrian Safety Action Plan.

## 4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The following guests have been invited to attend this meeting to discuss pedestrian safety in London:
- Tom Platt, London Manager, Living Streets;
  - Kate Carpenter, Technical Director, Jacobs Engineering and Chair of Road Safety Panel, Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation;
  - Richard Holmes, London Region Campaigns Officer, Royal National Institute of Blind People;
  - Amy Aeron-Thomas, Executive Director, RoadPeace; and
  - Representatives from Transport for London (TfL).
- 4.2 Follow this meeting, the Committee may wish to produce findings on progress in improving pedestrian safety and encouraging more people to walk in London. The Committee is recommended to delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the output from its work on pedestrian safety in London so that the findings can be sent to the Mayor, TfL and other stakeholders at the earliest opportunity to inform the development of the Mayor's Pedestrian Safety Action Plan which is due to be published in Spring 2014.

## 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.

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