

Subject: Transport Committee Work Programme

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 sets out the work programme for 2013/14.

2. Recommendation

2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme, as set out in this report.**

3. Background

3.1 The Committee receives a report monitoring the progress of its work programme at each meeting.

4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 The table below sets out the scheduled dates of the Committee's meetings in 2013/14 and lists the main topic proposed for each meeting at this stage. The topics for future meetings are subject to change as the Committee develops proposals for its work. The work programme also provides for the Committee to respond to any matters that arise at short notice.

Transport Committee meeting date	Proposed topic
Wednesday 5 February 2014	Crossrail and future rail issues
Wednesday 12 March 2014	Q&A session with Commissioner of TfL

Topics identified for the work programme

4.2 The following paragraphs provide further details of the main topics that Members have expressed interest in exploring in 2013/14. Further work will now be undertaken on these topics to develop detailed proposals for the Committee's work. It is possible that the proposed timings of topics at meetings may change in light of this work. The Committee has a rolling work programme so it is always possible for some topics to be explored in subsequent years.

Crossrail 2

- 4.3 The Committee used its meeting in May to discuss Crossrail 2 in order to gather information for a response to TfL's consultation on Crossrail 2. The Committee published its response on Crossrail 2 in July 2013 and received a response from TfL on 27 September 2013.

Bus services including further event in early 2014

- 4.4 The Committee used its meetings in June and July to gather views and information for its investigation into bus services in London and published its report setting out its findings and recommendations on 28 October. The Committee also published its response to TfL's consultation on the cashless operation of bus services in October 2013.
- 4.5 At its last meeting, the Committee agreed to hold an event in early 2014 to pursue its findings and recommendations on improving bus services in London. Detailed arrangements for this event are now being made in consultation with Party Group Lead Members.

The Mayor's Vision 2020/future transport priorities for London

- 4.6 The Committee used its September meeting to discuss the future transport priorities and policies outlined in recent Mayoral/TfL publications. The relevant publications include the Mayor's Vision 2020 document (June 2013), the Mayor's Roads Task Force report and TfL's response to it (July 2013), the Road Safety Action Plan for London 2020 (June 2013) and the Mayor's Vision for Cycling (March 2013).

TfL value for money issues

- 4.7 The Committee discussed TfL value for money issues at its meeting in October. This included discussion about: assessing the value for money of TfL's operational activities; finding efficiencies in highways maintenance; and the next phase of TfL's efficiency programme including potential staff reductions including at Tube station ticket offices.

TfL/Borough liaison

- 4.8 The Committee used its meeting in November to explore issues relating to liaison between TfL and the London Boroughs on transport matters in the capital. This included discussion about Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding with representatives of London Councils and TfL.

Cycling in London including the cycle hire scheme and the Mayor's cycling vision

- 4.9 The Committee used its last meeting to discuss cycling in London. This drew on findings from the Committee's online survey of cyclists which attracted over 6,000 responses. The Committee will produce detailed findings from the survey. A site visit to Aldgate East junction on Cycle Superhighway 2 will be arranged by officers.

Pedestrian safety

- 4.10 At its last meeting, the Committee agreed to explore pedestrian safety at this meeting. This is the subject of a separate item on the agenda for this meeting.

Crossrail

- 4.11 The Committee is due to check on progress with the Crossrail project at its meeting in February 2014. This would provide for the Committee to follow up its past work on Crossrail including its report and recommendations in February 2010 and its subsequent progress checks at meetings in February 2011 and 2012, and March 2013.

Rail issues including the future of London Overground and HS2

- 4.12 It is proposed that the Committee also explores rail issues at its meeting in February 2014. This could include exploring the future of London Overground and the Mayor and TfL's progress in obtaining control of further inner suburban rail services in London.
- 4.13 The Committee may also wish to respond to any relevant rail consultations throughout the year. The Committee responded to the High Speed 2 (HS2) Phase One Design Refinement consultation and to Network Rail's current four market study consultations in July 2013.
- 4.14 A site visit to the reconstruction work at London Bridge station is being arranged by officers.

Question and answer session with TfL

- 4.15 It is proposed that the Committee use its meeting in March 2014 for a question and answer session with the Commissioner of TfL. These sessions can provide an opportunity to explore a range of transport issues, TfL Board and committee discussions and decisions, and follow up topics which the Committee has covered in its past reports and recommendations.

Other possible topics

- 4.16 Members have suggested a range of other possible topics. These include: further work on airport capacity following the Airports Commission's interim report (December 2013); progress with the electrification of the Gospel Oak to Barking line; and TfL's use of bailiffs. These topics will be kept under review along with other transport issues in the event that the Committee wishes to make any changes to its work programme.
- 4.17 In November 2013, the Transport and Environment Committees sent a joint letter to the Airports Commission restating their support for the establishment of an independent aviation noise regulator and improvements to surface public transport access at airports.

Responses to recent Transport Committee work

- 4.18 This section of the work programme provides details of any responses due from the Mayor, TfL and/or others to Committee work.

Transport Committee work	Details of responses due (if appropriate)
Report on bus services in London (October)	The Committee has made nine recommendations to the Mayor and TfL and requested an initial response to these by 13 December 2013

- 4.19 On 13 December, Shashi Verma, Director of Customer Experience at TfL wrote to the Chair following up the Committee's 2011 report, *The Future of Ticketing*. The letter is attached at **Appendix 1**.

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:

Appendix 1: Letter from TfL re contactless payment

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers: None

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