

# Subject: Transport Committee Work Programme

**Report to: Transport Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 14 October 2014**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

1.1 This report sets out the work programme for 2014/15.

## 2. Recommendations

2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme for 2014/15, as set out in this report.**

2.2 **That the Committee notes the recent developments with cycling projects in London as set out in paragraphs 4.8 to 4.10.**

2.3 **That the Committee notes the record of the site visit for its taxi and private hire investigation.**

2.4 **That the Committee notes the letter received from Transport for London responding to the Committee's response to the consultation on the draft Cycle Safety Action Plan.**

2.5 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair to agree, in consultation with Party Group Lead Members, responses to the Transport for London consultations on cycle superhighways, the proposed extension of London Overground to Barking Riverside and the proposed Bakerloo line extension.**

## 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 overleaf sets out the scheduled dates of the Committee's meetings in 2014/15 and lists the main topic(s) 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.

<b>Transport Committee meeting date</b>	<b>Proposed topic(s)</b>
Wednesday 12 November 2014	Door-to-door transport
Wednesday 10 December 2014	Cycling
Wednesday 14 January 2015	Crossrail and future ticketing
Wednesday 25 February 2015	Q&A with TfL
Wednesday 18 March 2015	<i>To be agreed</i>

### **Topics identified for the work programme**

- 4.2 The following paragraphs provide further details of the main topics that the Committee has identified for 2014/15. The Committee has a rolling work programme so it is always possible for some topics to be explored in subsequent years.

#### **Future of the Tube**

- 4.3 The Committee used its meeting in June 2014 to explore the future of the Tube including: recent progress with Tube upgrades and the future milestones; the performance of the Tube; and proposals for the Tube to run at night from autumn 2015. The Committee has followed up this meeting with a site visit and a video conference call with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority New York City Transit to identify any lessons London could learn from the operation and upgrade of the subway in New York. The Committee is now producing its findings on the Tube.

#### **Taxi and private hire**

- 4.4 The Committee used its meetings in July and September to gather evidence for its investigation into taxi and private hire services in London. The Committee has also commissioned external surveys of taxi and private hire users and drivers, obtained written submissions, undertaken a site visit, and held a separate meeting with taxi and private hire stakeholders to obtain further views and information. The Committee is now producing its report setting out its findings and recommendations on taxi and private hire services.
- 4.5 On 2 September 2014, Members of the Committee attended a site visit in central London to view TfL, the police and the Department for Work and Pensions undertake compliance checks of taxi and private vehicles and their drivers to ensure they are licensed and fit for purpose. The note of the visit is attached at **Appendix 1**.

#### **Mayor's 2050 Infrastructure Plan**

- 4.6 The Committee is using this meeting to explore the transport aspects of the Mayor's 2050 Infrastructure Plan. This is the subject of a separate report on the agenda for this meeting.

#### **Door-to-door transport**

- 4.7 It is proposed that the Committee explores the current operation of Dial-a-Ride and other door-to-door transport services and the future developments for these services at its November meeting.

#### **Cycling**

- 4.8 It is proposed that the Committee explores progress in improving cycling in London at its December meeting. This consideration of cycling will provide an opportunity to follow up the Committee's past

work on cyclists' safety including its reports *Gearing Up* (November 2012) and *Cycling in London – an update* (February 2014).

- 4.9 TfL issued consultations for the north-south and east-west cycle superhighways on 3 September 2014. In response to the consultations, some organisations, including the City of London Corporation and London First, have raised high-profile concerns about the potential for these superhighways to have adverse impacts on pedestrians, businesses and road congestion levels. The Committee may wish to raise these issues with the Mayor's Cycling Commissioner to inform the Committee's responses to TfL's consultations on cycle superhighways.
- 4.10 The Committee responded to TfL's consultations on the draft cycle safety action plan and draft London Cycling Design Standards in July 2014. TfL responded to the Committee's response on the draft cycle safety action plan on 8 September 2014. TfL's response is attached at **Appendix 2**.

### **Crossrail**

- 4.11 It is proposed that the Committee explores progress with Crossrail at its meeting in January 2015. The Committee has checked on progress with the development of Crossrail each year since it published its report on Crossrail in February 2010.

### **Future ticketing**

- 4.12 It is proposed that the Committee could also explore future ticketing arrangements at its meeting in January 2015. TfL introduced contactless bankcard payment on buses in July and on other modes in September 2014. This meeting will provide an opportunity for the Committee to follow up its past work on ticketing including its report *The Future of Ticketing* (November 2011).

### **HS2 and Crossrail 2**

- 4.13 The Committee may explore progress with High Speed 2 and Crossrail 2 at a meeting in 2014/15. The Committee has responded to consultations on HS2 in the past. The Committee responded to TfL's consultation on Crossrail 2 in July 2014.

### **Rail issues**

- 4.14 The Committee may explore a range of rail issues at a meeting in 2014/15. These may include overcrowding, punctuality and the reliability of train services serving London and the capital's rail infrastructure compared to the rest of the UK. It may also cover progress with upgrading London Overground and the Mayor's aspirations to secure more control of London's suburban rail services.
- 4.15 Following Lead Members meeting representatives of Network Rail, Southern and London TravelWatch on 9 July 2014, the Transport Committee wrote to Network Rail and Southern about issues at London Bridge station including delays in hot weather. Network Rail and Southern responded to the Committee's letter positively. The Committee will continue to keep the redevelopment of London Bridge station under review.

### **Question and answer session with TfL**

- 4.16 It is proposed that the Committee uses its meeting in February 2015 for a question and answer session with the Commissioner of TfL. These sessions 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.

### **Rapporteurship on TfL customer service**

- 4.17 The GLA Oversight Committee agreed on 23 July 2014 to appoint Valerie Shawcross CBE AM as rapporteur to follow up her previous investigation into TfL's customer service (January 2012). This investigation is focusing on TfL's progress in improving its customer service including in developing

a single customer charter.<sup>1</sup> The rapporteur has begun work to gather views and information for this investigation.

### **Responses to current TfL consultations**

- 4.18 The Committee may wish to respond to various consultations issued by TfL recently. These consultations concern the following matters, with the relevant deadlines for responses shown in brackets: an extension of the London Overground to Barking Riverside (19 October 2014); upgrade of cycle superhighway 2 (2 November 2014); new north-south cycle superhighway (9 November 2014); new east-west cycle superhighway (9 November 2014); and extension of the Bakerloo line (7 December 2014). It is proposed that the Committee delegate authority to the Chair to agree any Committee responses in consultation with Party Group Lead Members.

### **Other possible topics**

- 4.19 Members have suggested a range of other possible topics for the Transport Committee's work programme. These include:
- Freight transport issues.
  - Progress in addressing congestion on Oxford Street. This may be covered at a meeting outside the formal schedule of Committee meetings.
  - Fly-unders on London's road network.

### **Responses to recent Transport Committee work**

- 4.20 This section of the work programme provides details of any responses due from the Mayor, TfL and/or others to Committee work. There are no outstanding responses at present.

## **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.

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### **List of appendices to this report:**

Appendix 1 – Note of site visit for taxi and private hire services investigation

Appendix 2 – TfL letter on Committee's response to consultation on draft Cycle Safety Action Plan

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<sup>1</sup> Full report at: <http://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Customer%20Service%20Report%20-%20FINAL%20DRAFT.pdf>