

# Subject: Budget and Performance Committee Work Programme

**Report to: Budget and Performance Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 15 October 2014**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for the Budget and Performance Committee work programme for 2014/15.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme for 2014/15.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee agrees the terms of reference and scope for the scrutiny of the Mayor's budget for 2015/16, as set out in Appendix 1.**

## 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 During 2014/15 the Committee will scrutinise the Mayor's 2015/16 budget proposals for the Greater London Authority (GLA) Group on behalf of the London Assembly, as well as examine specific budget and performance issues across the GLA Group. The Committee is asked to note the following areas for investigation over the coming months:
- **London Overground.** Measures of performance and passenger satisfaction levels are consistently high on this part of the TfL network. The Committee could examine the reasons for this success – particularly how it is funded and structured – and what lessons can be learned before TfL take over some rail services from West Anglia in 2015, and as it bids for the devolution of other franchises in the coming years.
  - **New Homes Bonus.** From 2015/16, the London Enterprise Panel (LEP) will receive £70 million per year, top-sliced from the New Homes Bonus funding for London boroughs. Negotiations

around how this will operate are ongoing. The Committee could explore how the LEP intends to use this money and what constraints it will face.

- **Budget-setting process.** The Committee will carry out its scrutiny of the Mayor’s budget for 2015/16 proposals over the coming months. A scoping paper, setting out the draft terms of reference and scope for this work is set out at **Appendix 1**. At its meeting in November the Committee will consider the initial core GLA Budget proposal with senior management from the GLA. In early December the Committee will publish its Pre-Budget Report before the Mayor publishes his draft consultation Budget before the end of the year. The Committee will examine this Budget in three meetings in early January, first with the heads of the functional bodies of the GLA Group, and then with the Mayor. The Mayor will publish a draft consolidated Budget in February which the Assembly will consider later that month.

*Proposed meeting timetable*

4.2 The table below sets out scheduled future meetings of the Committee in 2014/15. The Committee can agree further topics as the year progresses. Items are subject to change to enable the Committee to respond to matters at short notice.

<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Proposed topic(s)</b>
Thursday 20 November 2014	GLA initial budget proposals
	New Homes Bonus
Tuesday 6 January 2015	2015/16 budget: GLA functional bodies
Thursday 8 January 2015	2015/16 budget: GLA functional bodies
Tuesday 13 January 2015	2015/16 budget: the Mayor
Thursday 19 March 2015	Topic to be confirmed

**Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee**

4.3 The Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee monitors GLA Group spending and performance, and informs the work of the Budget and Performance Committee. It will meet four times during 2014/15, the remaining meetings being:

- Tuesday 21 October 2014;
- Wednesday 17 December 2014; and
- Tuesday 24 March 2015.

4.4 Ideas under consideration for 2014/15 include:

- **Delivery of the Mayor’s cycling vision.** The Mayor’s manifesto made commitments for cycling, and TfL’s latest Business Plan includes £913 million for cycling between 2012/13 and 2021/22 to help meet those commitments. Spending to date, however, has been slower than planned and the Committee could examine the reasons for this, and how TfL intends to meet the Mayor’s cycling commitments.
- **Business rates.** By summer 2014, there will be data available showing the outcome of the first full year of business rate retention. The Committee could consider the GLA’s business rates income and its effect on GLA activities.

- **London & Partners.** Members may wish to examine how London & Partners uses its £11 million budget and how its performance can be measured.
- **New Year's Eve.** The Sub-Committee examined the sponsorship of the New Year's Eve event in July 2013. This is an opportunity to follow up that work, and investigate the ticketing arrangements for this year's event.

4.5 As well as examining the GLA Group quarterly monitoring reports, the Sub-Committee will explore topical issues or specific areas contributing to the full Committee's investigations or reports, where appropriate, and examine Mayoral Decisions.

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<b>Meeting date</b>	<b>Proposed topic(s)</b>
Tuesday 21 October 2014	Delivery of the Mayor's cycling vision
Wednesday 17 December 2014	London & Partners
	New Year's Eve
Tuesday 24 March 2015	Topic to be confirmed

## **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.

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

Appendix 1: Scoping paper - Scrutinising the Mayor's Budget for 2015-16

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

List of Background Papers: None

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