

Subject: Transport Committee Work Programme

Report to: Transport Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 14 January 2015

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 delegates authority to the Chair to agree, in consultation with party Group Lead Members:**

(a) **A letter to the Mayor on cycling in London, following up the Committee's meeting on 10 December 2014;**

(b) **A response to Network Rail's consultations on the draft Wessex Route Study and Western Route Study; and**

(c) **The final report of the rapporteurship on Transport for London's customer services.**

(d) **A letter to the Stagecoach Group regarding overcrowding on South West Trains services.**

2.3 **That the Committee notes:**

(a) **The letter from the Mayor in response to the Committee's letter on the future of the Tube, as set out at Appendix 1; and**

(b) **The Committee's response to the Transport for London consultation on the proposed extension of the Bakerloo line, as set out at Appendix 2.**

(c) **The letter from Sir Peter Hendy CBE updating the Committee on actions in response to its report on bus services, and attached feasibility report on measuring bus loading, as set out at Appendix 3.**

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 remaining scheduled dates of the Committee's meetings in 2014/15 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 25 February 2015	Q&A with Transport for London (TfL)
Wednesday 18 March 2015	Future ticketing

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 followed up this meeting with a site visit in July and a video conference call with the New York City Transit in August to identify any lessons London could learn from the operation and upgrade of the subway in New York. The Committee published its findings from this work, in the form of a letter to the Mayor, in October 2014. A response from the Mayor has been received and is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Taxi and private hire

- 4.4 The Committee used its meetings in July and September 2014 to gather evidence for its investigation into taxi and private hire services in London. The Committee has also commissioned 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's report was published on 16 December 2014.

Mayor's 2050 Infrastructure Plan

- 4.5 The Committee used its meeting in October to explore the transport aspects of the Mayor's draft 2050 Infrastructure Plan. The Committee has subsequently produced a response to the consultation on the draft 2050 Infrastructure Plan.

Door-to-door transport

- 4.6 The Committee used its meeting in November to explore the current operation of Dial-a-Ride and other door-to-door transport services and the future developments for these services. A report on this topic is being prepared.

Cycling

- 4.7 At its 10 December 2014 meeting the Committee discussed cycling with a range of invited experts. The Committee is following up its past work on cyclists' safety including its reports *Gearing Up* (November 2012) and *Cycling in London – an update* (February 2014) and its discussion about recent developments with cycling projects at its last meeting. A letter to the Mayor highlighting findings from the meeting is being prepared; it is proposed that the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree this letter.
- 4.8 The Committee responded to TfL's consultations on the draft cycle safety action plan and draft London Cycling Design Standards in July 2014. The Committee is also responding to TfL's consultations on the proposals for new north-south and east-west Superhighways and upgrades to existing Cycle Superhighway 2.

Crossrail and Crossrail 2

- 4.9 The Committee will be exploring progress with the Crossrail and Crossrail 2 programmes at this meeting. Further detail is provided under a separate item on this agenda. 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

- 4.10 The Committee is planning to explore future ticketing arrangements at its meeting in March 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).

Question and answer session with TfL

- 4.11 The Committee is planning to use 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

- 4.12 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.¹ A report on this topic is being prepared; it is proposed that the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree this report.

Overcrowding on South West Trains services

- 4.13 Committee Members have received representations from constituents about overcrowding on South West Trains services coming into London. It is proposed that the Committee delegate authority to the Chair. In consultation with party Group Lead Members, to write to the Stagecoach Group, which owns South West Trains, about this matter.

Responses to transport-related consultations

- 4.14 Transport for London recently consulted on proposals to extend the Bakerloo line south from Elephant & Castle. The Committee submitted a response to the consultation, which is set out at **Appendix 2**.

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

4.15 Network Rail is currently consulting on a number of draft route studies, which set out strategic plans for rail services in different regions. The Committee has agreed to respond to the Sussex and Anglia area route studies. It is also proposed that the Committee delegate authority to the Chair to agree any Committee response to the draft Wessex and Western route studies, in consultation with party Group Lead Members.

Responses to recent Transport Committee work

4.16 In October 2013 the Committee published a report on bus services in London.² In May 2014 the Mayor wrote to the Committee setting out 17 actions to be taken by TfL in response to the report. In December 2014, Sir Peter Hendy, Commissioner of Transport for London, wrote to the Chair to provide an update on these actions. This is set out at **Appendix 3**. A feasibility report on using Oyster data to measure bus loading was attached to the letter.

4.17 This table 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)
Taxi and private hire services (December 2014)	The Committee is awaiting responses from the Mayor and TfL to its report on taxi and private hire services.

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 the Mayor on the future of the Tube

Appendix 2: The Committee's response to TfL's Bakerloo line consultation

Appendix 3: Letter from Sir Peter Hendy CBE on bus services (with report on the feasibility of using Oyster data to measure bus loadings)

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers: None

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² For details see: <https://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/publications/bus-services-in-london>