

Subject: Crossrail

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 provides background information to the Transport Committee in relation to its discussion on Crossrail with representatives of Crossrail Ltd.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the report, puts questions to representatives of Crossrail Ltd about the Crossrail project and notes the discussion.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee has agreed to use part of this meeting to discuss progress with the Crossrail project. The construction of Crossrail represents London's first new railway for over 20 years. It will provide direct links from Berkshire in the west and Essex in the east into Heathrow, central London and Canary Wharf.
- 3.2 The Committee has held an annual check on progress with the Crossrail project since its initial investigation on Crossrail in 2009. Following publication of its findings and recommendations in its 2010 report *Crossrail: light at the end of the tunnel*, the Committee has discussed progress at meetings in February 2011 and 2012, and March 2013. It also conducted a site visit to see preparatory tunnelling work at the Limmo Peninsula and the Tunnelling and Underground Construction Academy in November 2012. Committee Members will also visit Crossrail's Farringdon construction site on 22 January 2015.
- 3.3 The Committee last held a question and answer session with the Chair and Chief Executive of Crossrail on 5 February 2014.

4. Issues for Consideration

- 4.1 The following guests have been invited to attend this meeting to discuss Crossrail:
- Terry Morgan CBE, Chair, Crossrail Ltd; and
 - Andrew Wolstenholme OBE, Chief Executive, Crossrail Ltd.

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:

None.

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| Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 |
| List of Background Papers: None |
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