

Subject: Environment Committee Work Programme

Report to: Environment Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 3 March 2015

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report covers the process for completing the Committee's 2014/15 work programme and preparing for the 2015/16 work programme.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes its work programme.**
- 2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the report on severe weather risks and adaptations.**
- 2.3 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the report on diesel emissions.**
- 2.4 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree any necessary response to a written briefing from GLA officers on plans to consult on changes to the Local Air Quality Management framework.**
- 2.5 **That the Committee notes any oral update from the Chair on initial proposals for the 2015/16 work programme, and delegates authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree the topic for the June 2015 meeting of the Committee, subject to confirmation at the London Assembly's Annual Meeting scheduled for 13 May 2015.**

3. Background

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

4. Issues for Consideration

Forthcoming Meetings and Other Business

- 4.1 The Committee has no further meetings scheduled in the 2014/15 Assembly year. The current meeting will discuss an update to the Mayor's Biodiversity Strategy – further information can be found at Agenda Item 5.
- 4.2 Further to the Committee's meetings of May and October 2014 and February 2015, a report is in preparation on the risks of severe weather and how London can adapt to them. Members are being consulted on the draft. To enable publication and formal agreement of the report without undue delay, Members are recommended to delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree this report.
- 4.3 Further to the Committee's meetings of November and December 2014, and the Committee's response to the consultation on the proposed Ultra Low Emission Zone, a report is also in preparation on air pollution from diesel emissions. Members will also be consulted on this draft report. Subject to other Assembly business and the restrictions on publicity in the pre-election period, it is also hoped to publish this report shortly and so Members are recommended to delegate authority to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree this report.
- 4.4 It is anticipated that there will be a GLA consultation in summer 2015 on the Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) framework. Members of the Committee have been offered a written briefing on this work, and will have an opportunity to give comments on it, sometime after this meeting but before the Committee's first meeting of 2015/16. Therefore, the Committee is recommended to delegate authority to the Chair to agree a response to the briefing on LAQM.
- 4.5 Members have expressed an interest in visiting the London Array wind farm, and at its meeting on the 9 July 2014, the Committee delegated authority to the Chair to make arrangements for any site visit under the 2014/15 work programme.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in the report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

List of appendices to this report:

None

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