

# Subject: Regeneration Committee Work Programme

**Report to: Regeneration Committee**

**Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat**

**Date: 2 July 2015**

**This report will be considered in public**

## 1. Summary

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

## 2. Recommendations

2.1 **That the Committee notes its initial work programme for the 2015/16 Assembly year.**

2.2 **That the Committee delegates authority to the Chairman, in consultation with the Deputy Chair and the other Members of the Committee, to agree the scope and terms of reference for an investigation into Business Improvement Districts.**

## 3. Background

3.1 At its meeting on 10 March 2015, the Committee agreed its initial priorities for the 2015/16 Assembly year, as follows:

- Transport-led regeneration; and
- Business Improvement Districts.

3.2 At the Assembly's Annual Meeting on 13 May 2015, the Assembly agreed the following nine slots between June 2015 and March 2016 for the Regeneration Committee, which will be used for meetings and site visits:

Tuesday 2 June 2015 (site visit)	Tuesday 1 December 2015
Thursday 2 July 2015	Wednesday 6 January 2016
Wednesday 2 September 2015	Tuesday 2 February 2016
Tuesday 13 October 2015	Tuesday 1 March 2016
Tuesday 3 November 2015	

## 4. Issues for Consideration

4.1 The Committee will use the first part of 2015/16 to consider its initial priorities:

- **Transport-led regeneration** – The Committee will carry out an investigation into transport-led regeneration, with a specific focus on the role of TfL’s Growth Fund. This topic is the subject of today’s meeting with invited guests, and further information about the scope of the investigation, its terms of reference, and approach is also included on the agenda, at **Item 9**;
- **Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)** – The Committee agreed to examine the role of BIDs in delivering local regeneration. A GLA report published in 2013 recommended that the GLA develops a policy position on BIDs, acknowledging their role in supporting regeneration.<sup>1</sup> There are currently 37 BIDs in London,<sup>2</sup> and the Mayor has a target for 50 BIDs by 2016.<sup>3</sup> BIDs play a range of different roles, depending on the nature and needs of the area and local businesses. They may be involved in providing local environmental services (for example, street cleaning, and security), while some help develop visions and support regeneration activity, for example, through public realm improvements.<sup>4</sup> Their influence may increase: the Department for Communities and Local Government has published plans to enable BIDs to tender for public service contracts. Legislation under the Right to Challenge would give BIDs the ability to act as public service providers. A Committee investigation could examine how and where BIDs add value in regeneration schemes, and ways that the Mayor and boroughs can maximise the contribution BIDs make to regeneration. The Committee could hold a formal meeting, invite written evidence from BIDs, and carry out a site visit to inform a report.

4.2 The proposed timetable for upcoming Committee meetings and site visits is set out below:

Date	Main item of business
Wednesday 2 September 2015	Business Improvement Districts meeting
Tuesday 13 October 2015	Business Improvement Districts meeting or site visit

4.3 Topics for discussion later in 2015/16 will be set out in future agenda papers, following consultation with Members but could include following up the Committee’s previous work on High Street Regeneration and the Royal Docks.

## 5. Legal Implications

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

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/London%27s%20Business%20Improvement%20Districts%20-%20Final%20Report%2019%20June%202013.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/business-economy/vision-and-strategy/focus-areas/business-improvement-districts/london-bids-links>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/London%27s%20Business%20Improvement%20Districts%20-%20Final%20Report%2019%20June%202013.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> Ibid, p. 10

## 6. Financial Implications

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

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**List of appendices to this report:** None

<b>Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b>
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List of Background Papers: None
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