

Business, Planning and Transport Policy & Scrutiny Committee

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Report of:	Director of Policy, Performance & Communications
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Deputy Leader/Cabinet Member for Business, Culture and Heritage Cabinet Member for Planning and Public Realm Cabinet Member for City Highways
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report presents the current work programme for approval based on discussions at the last meeting in November 2017 and with senior officers. It also provides an update on the action tracker.

2. Key Matters for the Committee's Consideration

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:
- Review, approve and, where required, prioritise the draft list of suggested Work Programme items at Appendix 1; and
 - Note the Action Tracker at Appendix 2.

3. Current Work Programme

- 3.1 This work programme takes from the work programme agreed at the Committee's last meeting on 15 November 2017. It is presented here for the Committee to review and amend as appropriate.

- 3.2 There have been four key changes to the Work Programme for the Committee's November meeting.
- 3.3 The first key change to the Work Programme is the re-scheduling of an item on officer advice. The item concerns Building Heights (Getting the Right Growth for Westminster). This item was raised at the meeting in November. Officer advice is still that this will be re-scheduled until a later date in the Committee's Work Programme. This reflects the City Plan programme, including consultation in spring 2018, and takes account of significant changes to relevant national and regional policies and the necessity to take the appropriate time in order to consider these properly.
- 3.4 As discussed at the November meeting, this item is therefore replaced by the item on the Apprenticeship Levy.
- 3.5 The second key change to the Work Programme is the change of focus in the previously planned Utilities/Transport for London item. Officers advised that the February meeting would be an opportunity to scrutinise the TfL Lane Rental Scheme following the recent Department for Trade consultation, which canvassed Councils' thoughts concerning extensions of this scheme. This scheme involves the management of highways disruption caused by planned roadworks by the Utilities and TfL, and was designed to encourage utility companies to avoid digging up the busiest roads at peak traffic times.
- 3.6 The third key change to the Work Programme concerns the Evening and Night-Time Economy Task Group. Following the Cabinet Member portfolio changes in October 2017, Councillor Davis has taken on responsibility for this work and has decided to put it on hold until later in 2018. The Task Group's work has been postponed until May in order to complement the Cabinet Member's portfolio.
- 3.7 Finally, the Committee is asked to note that, as discussed at the November meeting, a review of the first year of operation of the Community Infrastructure Levy was dealt with in a written briefing. This was circulated to committee members in advance of this meeting and no longer features on the Work Programme.

4. Future Work Programme

- 4.1 Following the changes mentioned above, the Committee's April meeting currently has no items allocated to its agenda. The Committee is asked to prioritise items for review at its meeting on 12 April 2018.

If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the Background Papers, please contact Artemis Kassi

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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1- Suggested Work Programme

Appendix 2- Action Tracker