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Mayors Transport Strategy (MTS)

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek members' views on the proposed London TravelWatch responses to the various parts of this strategy.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1. Members are recommended to note this report and agree the updated 'Potential future transport projects' (Appendix A) and that the responses to any consultation documents will be based on previously agreed policy.

3 Process to be followed

- 3.1. The Greater London Authority Act 1999 sets out the minimum range of matters that the MTS must cover including:-
 - The promotion and encouragement of safe, integrated, efficient and economic transport facilities and services to, from and within Greater London
 - How the Mayor will secure those facilities over the lifetime of the plan
 - How the Mayor will provide transport which is accessible to persons with mobility problems and a timetable for implementing proposals
- 3.2. The plan needs to be revised at regular intervals to reflect changing circumstances and Mayoral priorities. The MTS was last revised in 2008.
- 3.3. The MTS is proposed for revision in the next year to reflect the priorities of the new Mayor Sadiq Khan elected in 2016.
- 3.4. The first stage of this revision will be a general document for consultation outlining the 'direction of travel', similar to the 'Way to Go' document issued in 2008¹.
- 3.5. Following on from this in 2017 a formal plan will be consulted upon and then examined in public that will respond to the comments received on the 'direction of travel' document.

¹ <https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/way-to-go.pdf>

4 Likely themes of the MTS

- 4.1. The MTS is likely to retain most of the current themes contained in the existing document, such as customer/user service, accommodating growth in usage, public transport capacity, cycling, walking, sense of place, road congestion, safety, security, accessibility and the environment.
- 4.2. New themes might include affordability of fares, improving air quality, providing additional housing, changes to modal policies, spatial focus and new infrastructure projects.
- 4.3. The role of London TravelWatch in relation to these consultations is to provide a transport users' perspective on these proposed policies.

5 Proposed basis of responses

- 5.1. London TravelWatch has a substantial body of existing policy that would inform any response to the MTS. This body of policy includes the Transport Users Priorities for the 2016-20 Mayoral term <http://www.londontravelwatch.org.uk/news/view?id=578>
- 5.2. In addition in 2014 for the London Infrastructure Plan 2050 London TravelWatch produced a 'Potential future transport projects for London' report identifying smaller projects that could bring substantial passenger benefit. A revised and updated version of this paper is attached as Appendix A to this report.

6 Equalities and inclusion implications

- 6.1. The MTS is an opportunity to prioritise improvements in the accessibility and affordability of the transport network for the benefit of users.

7 Legal powers

- 7.1. Section 248 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 places upon London TravelWatch (as the London Transport Users Committee) a duty to consider - and where it appears to the Committee to be desirable, to make recommendations with respect to - any matter affecting the functions of the Greater London Authority or Transport for London which relate to transport (other than of freight).
- 7.2. Section 252A of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 places a duty upon London TravelWatch (as the London Transport Users Committee) to keep under review matters affecting the interests of the public in relation to railway passenger and station services provided wholly or partly within the London railway area, and to make representations about them to such persons as it thinks appropriate.

8 Financial implications

- 8.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report for London TravelWatch.