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<b>Subject:</b> City of London Transport Strategy – scope, process and programme	<b>Public</b>
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### Summary

This report outlines the scope of the City of London Corporation's Transport Strategy and the process and programme for developing the Strategy.

The Transport Strategy will set the 25 year framework for future investment in, and management of, the City's streets. It will be published in March 2019 and allow Members to make informed decisions on a range of priority transportation issues.

The City Corporation's Local Implementation Plan (LIP) will be published in October 2018. This will include the long term vision and objectives for transport (which will carry across to the long-term Strategy) and a five year delivery plan for transport and public realm projects.

### Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- Agree the scope of the Transport Strategy
- Agree the process and programme for developing the Transport Strategy

### Main Report

#### Background

1. How people and goods travel to, through and within the City of London has a significant impact on the experience of living and working in or visiting the Square Mile. Facilitating the safe, clean and efficient movement of people and vehicles serving the City, alongside improving the quality of streets and public spaces, will be essential to ensuring the continued success of the City as a centre for business and as a major cultural destination.

2. In November 2016 Members agreed an objective of reducing traffic in the City (Planning and Transportation Committee, 17 November 2016). The Transport Strategy aims to develop the policies and proposals that will be necessary to achieve this objective. It will define the City of London Corporation's vision and priorities for transport over the next 25 years, ensuring transport.
3. The City Corporation does not currently have a Transport Strategy. There is a need for a proactive approach to addressing the medium and long-term transport challenges facing the City, particularly those relating to unprecedented growth in employment and increased competition for finite street space.
4. Without the Strategy transport planning decisions will remain largely reactive and focussed on short-term interventions. This will limit the ability of the City Corporation to develop the ambitious approaches to transportation that will be required to address the significant transport challenges facing the City over the next 25 years. Failure to address these issues risks some parts of the network struggling to cope with increased demand, including pedestrian crowding, with associated impacts on quality of life, road safety, congestion and business performance.

## Scope

5. The Transport Strategy will identify the key transport issues and challenges facing the City and develop the policy response to these. It will have a 25 year time horizon and will be supported by a series of short-term (three to five year) and regularly updated delivery plans focussed on particular issues or topics, such as:
  - The City Corporation's Local Implementation Plan
  - Road Danger Reduction Plan
  - Freight and Serving Plan
6. The Strategy will establish:
  - A robust transport evidence base and analysis of key transport issues
  - Clear and ambitious vision, aims and objectives for transport to, through and within the City of London
  - A policy framework for optimising traffic levels to support the delivery of the Healthy Streets Approach, improving the safety and attractiveness of walking and cycling, enhancing the experience of living and working in the Square Mile and supporting the growth of the City
  - A Monitoring Strategy that will allow progress on implementing the Strategy to be assessed and associated benefits captured and reported
7. The development of the Strategy will allow Members to make informed decisions on a range of priority transport issues, including:
  - Measures to reduce traffic and associated emissions
  - The reallocation of road space and measures to increase priority and comfort for people on foot and to reduce road danger

- On and off-street parking provision, the suitability of current sites and the future use of City Corporation car parks
- Servicing and delivery management in support of wider transport and environmental objectives

## **Process and programme**

8. An overview of the process and programme for developing the LIP and Transport Strategy is provided in Appendix 1.
9. The work to develop the Transport Strategy will include:
  - An assessment of the extent to which traffic in the City can be reduced without adversely affecting business performance, the possible benefits of traffic reduction and measures to achieve this
  - Transport and street network planning and definition to identify the modal priorities for key streets, establish networks for walking, cycling, buses and freight, and ensure the bus network is efficient and reflects the needs of the City
  - Researching and agreeing the optimal allocation of space between all travel modes
  - Reviewing the potential for permanent or timed road closures to improve conditions for people walking, cycling and using public transport
  - Research and analysis to understand key transport trends and the potential for change, such as analysis of future traffic levels and composition, and assessing the implications of emerging transport technologies
  - Internal and external stakeholder engagement, including public consultation, to identify key challenges and opportunities and secure support for the Strategy
  - A review of car, van and motorcycle parking (on and off street) in the City of London and development of the City Corporation's future approach to parking
  - Assessment of how the servicing and delivery to businesses (including construction logistics) currently impacts upon safe and efficient movement across the City and opportunities to reduce those impacts, including through consolidation, retiming and remodelling
  - Reviewing safe and effective pedestrian movement from and to current and emerging travel hubs (e.g. Crossrail) and key City destinations, such as the Eastern City Cluster
  - Strategy development and delivery planning across a range of areas, including active travel, parking and traffic reduction, and responses to emerging technologies; ensuring alignment with the Mayor's Transport Strategy and Healthy Streets Approach
  - Strategic transport modelling and Integrated Impact Assessment to ensure policy proposals are appropriate and identify potential positive and negative impacts, including impacts beyond the City boundary

10. The development of the LIP and Transport Strategy will be informed by significant stakeholder engagement. This will include formal consultation on the vision, objectives and LIP in June 2018 and Transport Strategy in November 2018. The principal mechanism for engaging Members will be the Local Plan Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee.

11. The programme for developing the Strategy is:

<b>Activity/Output</b>	<b>Delivery date</b>
Stakeholder engagement – issues and options	February & March 2018
Draft vision, objectives and LIP	May 2018
Consultation on vision, objectives and LIP	June and July 2018
<b>Update and submit LIP</b>	<b>October 2018</b>
Research and analysis	November 2018
Impact assessments – modelling and IIA	November 2018
Draft Transport Strategy	November 2018
Consultation on Transport Strategy	November & December 2018
<b>Update and publish Transport Strategy</b>	<b>March 2019</b>

### **Corporate and Strategic Implications**

12. The development of the Transport Strategy will be informed by the emerging draft Corporate Plan and will provide an opportunity to complement key corporate projects, such as Culture Mile. The Strategy will shape the City's streets and transport network to ensure they support a flourishing society and growing economy.

13. The Strategy will inform the development and implementation of a number of other policies, strategies and projects, including:

- Local Plan
- Road Danger Reduction Plan
- Air quality programmes
- Future transport and streetscape projects
- Car and motorcycle parking policy
- Freight Plan

### **Implications**

14. Production of the Transport Strategy will be supported by the production of an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA). The IIA is an integral part of the plan making process and will help inform the detailed policies. It combines a number of assessment processes into a single document:

- Sustainability Appraisal, including a Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Equalities Impact Assessment
- Health Impact Assessment

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Transport Strategy Process and Programme

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## Appendix 1 – Transport Strategy Process and Programme

