|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Subject:** **Cycling in London – an Update** | |
| **Report to: Transport Committee** | |
| **Report of: Executive Director ofSecretariat** | Date: 12 March 2014 |
| **This report will be considered in public** | |

**1. Summary**

1.1 This report sets out for the Committee’s agreement its update on cycling in London*.*

**2. Recommendation**

* 1. **That the Committee agrees its update report on cycling in London*.***

**3. Background**

3.1 At the end of 2013, the Committee followed up its report *Gearing Up? An investigation into cycle safety* (November 2012) to check on progress by the Mayor and Transport for London (TfL) in improving cycling in London. A meeting was held on 10 December 2013 with representatives of the Mayor, TfL and cycling campaign groups and an online survey of Londoners was carried out which attracted over 6,000 responses. In light of the meeting and survey result, a short update on cycling in London was produced setting out its findings.

**4. Issues for Consideration**

4.1 The draft update is attached as **Appendix 1** (for Members only) for the Committee’s formal agreement. It is also available at:

<http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor-assembly/london-assembly/publications>.

* 1. The update is in four parts covering: 1) the survey findings; 2) data on cycling in London; 3) the Mayor and TfL’s actions to improve cycling; and 4) what the Mayor and TfL should do next. The Committee had concluded that one year on from its report *Gearing Up?* it does not seem safer to cycle in London and that there is a shortfall between what cyclists want and what is being delivered. The Committee has therefore recommended that the Mayor and TfL respond to the update with details of the further actions that they will take to improve cycling urgently which should include commitment to:
* Deliver improvements to the cycle superhighways by 2015 resulting in at least 50 per cent full segregation for cyclists or give detailed explanations as to why this is not possible;
* Deliver improvements to at least 10 traffic junctions by 2015 or give detailed explanations as to why this is not possible;
* Ensure a shortage of funding for high quality schemes does not lead to TfL de-scoping or abandoning the building of cycling superhighways;
* Try and find funding over the next ten years to improve cycling in all boroughs not just the four ‘Mini-Holland’ boroughs and publish lessons learned from the initial four ‘Mini-Hollands’ including how these will inform plans to improve cycling in other boroughs;
* Try and find funding over the next ten years to improve safety at all the junctions on TfL’s priority list of 100 junctions;
* Publish the findings from TfL’s study of a ban of lorries in peak hours;
* Publish details of the plans for more enforcement of road safety for cyclists including the evidence base on casualty reduction behind the targeted enforcement by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS);
* Stop underspending the cycling budget. If there is underspending on the cycling budget in one year, TfL should spend the underspend on cycling in the following year; and
* Make short-term improvements for cyclists by summer 2014. TfL should learn from New York City’s trials of paint, planter boxes and suspended parking that improved urban areas for cyclists.

**5. Legal Implications**

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

**6. Financial Implications**

6.1 There are no financial implications to the GLA arising from this report.

**List of appendices to this report:**

Appendix 1 – *Cycling in London – an update*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**  List of Background Papers: None | |
| Contact Officer: | Laura Warren, Scrutiny Manager |
| Telephone: | 020 7983 6545 |
| E-mail: | [laura.warren@london.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.warren@london.gov.uk) |