

TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS

DATE: 22 JULY 2008

1 PURPOSE AND DECISION REQUIRED

- 1.1 To update members on sustainability issues across the TfL Group. The Committee is asked to NOTE the report.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Regular reporting to the Committee on TfL's progress in addressing sustainability issues was introduced in 2007/08. This is the fourth quarterly update.

3 UPDATE

3.1 Travel demand management

- a) In February, the London Borough of Richmond was announced as the next area for a 'Smarter Travel Programme' with a launch planned for September.
- b) A Car Club strategy together with 2008/09 Borough Bidding Guidance was published in March 2008.
- c) The 'one year on' results of the Personal Travel Planning programme implemented in the London Borough of Haringey in 2006 showed a 7 per cent reduction in car use amongst participants (against a 0 per cent change in the control area). The two areas where the programme will be rolled out in 2008 are Hounslow Town Centre and Wembley Stadium in Brent.
- d) Travel Planning Guidance was published in March 2008.

3.2 More sustainable modes

- a) Five walking and cycling programmes were launched in February 2008.
- b) The Cycling on Greenway programme Equality Impact Assessment report and Green Cycle Route Implementation and Stakeholder Plan brief have been published.
- c) All pedestrian audits of street links outside priority mainline stations are complete and an action plan is now in preparation.

3.3 Climate change

- a) The Smarter Driving campaign was launched on 25 February. A 4-week

burst of mass media advertising (48 sheet billboards, bus backs, bus shelter posters, and petrol pump nozzles and 30 second radio adverts during evening drive time on all major London stations) was supported by a website and PR activities.

- b) Orders were placed for 60 new hybrid buses, which will all be delivered by the end of 2008. These are from a range of manufacturers and cover a wide range of hybrid drivetrain types, with a view to carrying out a full assessment trial prior to wider roll out from 2009 onwards.
- c) The TfL Climate Change Fund Approvals Group has agreed to support a £500k project from DLR to trial track-side capacitors that will enable the use of regenerative braking.
- d) London Rail finalised its London Rail Energy Action Plan, containing 28 specific actions to help deliver a reduction in CO2 emissions. It also continued to work with the Government's new Committee on Climate Change to develop a carbon budget for the rail sector.
- e) TfL has started work as a key partner to the 'Drain London' project, which aims to better understand the relative risk of surface water flooding to London and to develop a strategic level surface water management plan. The project will assess the location, ownership and capacity of surface water drainage in London as well as analysing the frequency, severity and cause of surface water flooding.

3.4 Other environment

- a) TfL's Environment Report for 2007 was published.
- b) TfL launched its new awareness and behavioural change campaign 'Papersmart 2008'. The TfL network of 170 environmental champions was provided with training in a new approach to engaging colleagues. The aim is for teams to generate innovative and practical ways of conserving materials, initially paper, through reducing use, reusing, recycling and purchasing goods with recycled content. An awards lunch to recognise the best team efforts was held.

3.5 Social inclusion and equality

- a) The Access to Opportunities and Services measure (ATOS) was finalised. It measures access to employment, education, health, quality food shopping and open spaces by public transport, walking and cycling. Preliminary analysis of the ATOS data brings interesting results. In particular, London's most deprived areas tend to have better than average access to opportunities and services. Discussions are currently taking place within TfL as to how to take this measure forward and embed it into TfL and GLA policies.

3.6 Health and wellbeing

- a) The London Low Emission Zone (LEZ) was launched on 4 February. One week later over 93 per cent of vehicles driving in the zone were compliant with the LEZ emissions standards of Euro III for particulate matter. The Vehicle Operations and Services Agency (VOSA) had certified over 8,000 vehicles, and TfL had received over 20,000 foreign vehicle registrations.

3.7 Business processes / mainstreaming sustainability

- a) Work has begun on an internal sustainability communications strategy and a draft 2007/08 TfL Sustainability Report is in preparation, led by the Sustainability Unit in coordination with Group Communications.
- b) Following consultation on the Sustainability Framework in Q3, applying and testing of the Framework continued in a number of specific situations and projects including the Thames Gateway Bridge sustainability case and a sustainability appraisal of three cycling infrastructure programmes. Preparations were made for a Sustainability Appraisal of transport strategy development under T2025.
- c) Work continued to ensure that sustainability will be addressed in the new Business Plan.

4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 The Committee is recommended to NOTE the content of the report.