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Title: Response to London Infrastructure Plan 2050	
Report of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration	
Open Report	For Decision
Wards Affected: All	Key Decision: Yes
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Summary <p>The Mayor of London has published a draft London Infrastructure Plan 2050 for consultation. It is the first time for decades that a strategic long term plan for infrastructure in the Capital has been developed which considers how growth can be achieved. It sets out London's proposed overall infrastructure needs, the costs of these to 2050 and suggests different options for delivering and financing. Highlighting population pressures on infrastructure and the dependence of future economic growth upon its expansion, the plan outlines improvements across six areas: transport, green infrastructure, digital infrastructure, energy, water and waste management.</p> <p>Given the Council's priority of 'Growing the Borough' the Infrastructure Plan is welcome and the Council's response sets out general support but highlights infrastructure needs related to Barking and Dagenham which supports the borough's growth and contributes towards London's overall growth. Transport infrastructure is clearly an important part of the Infrastructure Plan and therefore the response includes the priorities discussed as part of a separate Cabinet agenda item with more detail provided in that report.</p> <p>Appendix 1 forms a draft response from the Council to the Mayor in response to the consultation which ends on 31 October.</p>	
Recommendations <p>The Cabinet is recommended to approve the Council's formal response to the Mayor of London's London Infrastructure Plan 2050 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.</p>	
Reason(s) <p>The recommendation contributes towards the Council's priority to grow the borough by pushing for infrastructure requirements which would support growth.</p>	

1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The draft London Infrastructure plan 2050 is the first time for decades that a long term plan for the capital's infrastructure has been developed. Such thinking is essential to ensure London's growth can occur in a strategic, planned way for the benefit of existing and new residents - it is therefore strongly welcomed given the priority for growing the borough.
- 1.2 The Infrastructure Plan 2050 helps make the case for ongoing devolution of powers and funding from Central Government to the capital to ensure infrastructure is delivered to achieve growth.
- 1.3 The plan is based on an assumption that London's population will grow by 3.1 million (37 per cent) between 2011 and 2050. As a result the Plan anticipates the following impact on infrastructure demand:
- 50 per cent increase in demand for public transport, but unevenly distributed, falling heavily on the Underground (up 60 per cent) and rail (up 80 per cent) rather than roads
 - at least 49,000 homes each year
 - equivalent of 600 new schools and colleges to address increasing school age population
 - a modest increase in energy demand (up 20 per cent) but with a significant shift from domestic gas consumption to electricity
 - an increased importance of green space (as green infrastructure)
 - the need for fast digital connectivity in all parts of London
 - a need to increase airport capacity
 - increased reusing or recycling materials
- 1.4 The Plan has specifically excluded analysis of NHS infrastructure because of the lack of any meaning full information from the NHS. The GLA also do not envisage they will have any powers in this area in the future.
- 1.5 Transport infrastructure clearly forms a significant element of the Infrastructure Plan therefore the response includes a focus on the transport priorities agreed as part of a separate Cabinet agenda item.
- 1.5 Appendix 1 sets out a draft response to the consultation.

2 Options Appraisal

- 2.1 Not applicable.

3. Consultation

- 3.1 The Mayor of London's consultation is open to all to respond. The Barking and Dagenham Chamber of Commerce have responded separately.

4. Financial Implications

Implications completed by: Carl Tomlinson, Finance Group Manager

- 4.1 The appendix to this report sets out the proposed formal response to the Mayor of London's Infrastructure plan. Many of the projects mentioned in the response have been the subject of separate Cabinet reports so their financial implications, where quantifiable, have already been set out.
- 4.2 In general, the proposed response recommends the transport and infrastructure projects that the Authority feels the Mayor for London should prioritise as these are felt to be of importance in maximising the development potential of the Borough. The economic regeneration and further development of the area will have positive financial implications for the Authority in terms of Business Rates, Council Tax, Section 106 payments, Community Infrastructure Levies and New Homes Bonuses. Obviously, at this early stage, without knowing which of the proposed projects will be supported by the Mayor for London and Central Government, the longer term financial implications of this report are not possible to quantify.
- 4.3 The costs of responding to the London Infrastructure Plan and any further consultation that becomes necessary will be met from existing Regeneration and Economic Development budgets.

5. Legal Implications

Implications completed by: Paul Feild Senior Governance Lawyer

- 5.1 The Government acknowledges the need for local government to be able to speak up for communities and by Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 introduced a new "general power of competence" for local authorities, defined as "the power to do anything that individuals generally may do" and which expressly includes the power to do something for the benefit of the authority, its area or persons resident or present in its area. This power enables the Council to press its case more broadly for supporting the regeneration projects outlined in this report than on planning interests alone should Members so decide.

Public Background Papers used in the preparation of the Report:

Mayor of London's London Infrastructure Plan 2050

(<https://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/business-economy/vision-and-strategy/infrastructure-plan-2050>)

List of appendices:

- Appendix 1: Draft response to Mayor of London's draft London Infrastructure Plan 2050