

# SELECT COMMITTEE REVIEW INTO THE COUNCIL'S ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES AROUND THE BOROUGH'S SCHOOLS

<b>Committee name</b>	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
<b>Officer reporting</b>	Steve Clarke, Democratic Services Officer
<b>Papers with report</b>	None
<b>Wards</b>	All Wards

## HEADLINES

At its meeting on 20 September 2023, the Property, Highways & Transport Select Committee formally agreed to commence a scrutiny review into the Council's road safety initiatives and activities around the Borough's schools.

This item will act as the first witness session of the Select Committee's review into road safety around the Borough's schools. The aim of the review, for the Committee to consider, would be to take a broad assessment of road safety around Hillingdon's schools and to make recommendations to Cabinet for ways in which the Council could enhance its activities for the safety of the Borough's school children and residents as a whole. By looking at the local context within Hillingdon and the London-wide setting, the Select Committee will be in a position to offer their findings and recommendations to the decision-making Cabinet.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

**That the Select Committee use the first witness session of the review to broaden understanding of the Council's practical and strategic approach to road safety around the Borough's schools.**

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

At the Committee's 14 November meeting, it will receive an information report giving background to the Borough's road safety activities around schools. In addition to this, the Committee will be conducting its second witness session with internal officers and representatives from some of the Borough's schools, including Junior Travel Ambassadors.

The Committee had previously requested that an officer from Parking Services contribute to the scrutiny review. Members are invited to pose questions for Parking Services Officers which can be taken forward by the Democratic Services Officer as part of the review. Responses will be presented to Members ahead of the second witness session on 14 November.

The following witnesses will be present to take part in the first information gathering session on 18 October 2023:

Councillor Jonathan Bianco	Deputy Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport	The relevant Cabinet Member responsible for the oversight of the Council's road safety activities.
<p>Potential lines of Committee enquiry could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If there were any aspects of road safety around the Borough's schools that the Cabinet Member would wish to see the Committee review into further detail.</li> <li>- The Cabinet Member's thoughts on the future strategic direction of road safety within Hillingdon.</li> </ul>		

David Knowles	LBH Head of Transportation	A key officer in the implementation and strategic development of the Council's road safety initiatives.
<p>Having previously attended Select Committee meetings on numerous occasions, David will be present in a supporting capacity to offer additional overarching road safety information, should it be required.</p> <p>Potential lines of Committee enquiry could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The securing of funding for road safety schemes.</li> <li>- The development of the Council's Road Safety Programme and the methods by which road safety initiatives are chosen and prioritised.</li> <li>- Enquiring as to the Council's approach to road safety within the vicinity of schools, including the School Streets Scheme.</li> <li>- Enquiring as to the emergence of any road safety trends.</li> </ul>		

Sophie Wilmot	LBH Senior Transport Planner	A key officer in the development of engineering aspects of the Council's road safety initiatives.
<p>Potential lines of Committee enquiry could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The securing of funding for road safety schemes.</li> <li>- Enquiring as to the emergence of any road safety trends.</li> </ul>		

Lisa Mayo	LBH Road Safety and School Travel Manager	A key officer in the development and engagement of the Council's road safety initiatives with schools.
<p>Potential lines of Committee enquiry could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enquiring as to the Council's approach to road safety within the vicinity of schools, including the School Streets Scheme.</li> <li>- Examining the level of engagement and cooperation with schools with regard to road safety, including cycle safety and pedestrian safety.</li> </ul>		

The following Terms of Reference were set out at the start of the review:

1. To understand the Council's current position and procedures with regard to road safety initiatives around schools;
2. To explore the legislative setting and initiatives undertaken by other London Boroughs and local authorities in relation to school road safety, particularly neighbouring and outer London Boroughs;
3. To explore road safety trends both locally and nationally;
4. To broadly assess the Council's approach to road safety within the vicinity of schools;
5. To influence any emerging Council plans with respect to road safety and traffic calming within the vicinity of schools;
6. Subject to the Committee's findings, to make any conclusions, propose actions, service and policy recommendations to the decision-making Cabinet.

### **Implications on related Council policies**

A key role of Select Committees is to monitor the performance of Council services within their remit. Select Committees may also make recommendations on service changes and improvements to the Cabinet who are responsible for the Council's policy and direction.

### **How this report benefits Hillingdon residents**

The vision for the Councils road safety initiatives sits within some of the Councils core commitments and ambitions to residents contained within the Council Strategy 2022 - 2026 (*To be / feel safe from harm and Safe and Strong Communities*).

### **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

It is important that the Committee considers cost effective proposals that benefit resident taxpayers in relation to this review, which would ultimately be determined by Cabinet as part of the Council's broader budget planning process.

### **Legal Implications**

None.

### **APPENDICES**

NIL.

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