

SELECT COMMITTEE REVIEW INTO THE COUNCIL'S ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES AROUND THE BOROUGH'S SCHOOLS - WITNESS SESSION 2

Committee name	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Officer reporting	Steve Clarke, Democratic Services Officer
Papers with report	None
Wards	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.

The Select Committee held their first witness session with internal officers and the Cabinet Member for Property Highways and Transport on 18 October 2023. This item will act as the second witness session of the Select Committee's review into road safety around the Borough's schools. The aim of the review is for the Committee 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 second witness session of the review to gain an understanding of the experiences of school representatives with regard to road safety around the Borough's schools.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The following witnesses will be present to take part in the second information gathering session on 14 November 2023:

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)
Danielle Stanley-Watts	School Travel and Road Safety (STaRS) Officer
Rayna Ramtohol-Butler	Representative from Grange Park Juniors
Leo Harrington	Representative from St Helens College
Sharon Cargill	Representative from St Helens College
Charlee Green w/ parent	Pupil at St Helens College
Raiden Bhabara w/ parent	Pupil at St Helens College

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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 Council's road safety initiatives sits within some of the Council's 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.