

## SELECT COMMITTEE REVIEW INTO THE COUNCIL'S ROAD SAFETY INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES AROUND THE BOROUGH'S SCHOOLS - WITNESS SESSION 3

<b>Committee name</b>	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
<b>Officer reporting</b>	Anisha Teji, 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.

The Select Committee held their first witness session with internal officers and the Cabinet Member for Property Highways and Transport on 18 October 2023. On 14 November 2023 Members heard from a variety of witnesses including the Council's Road Safety and School Travel Manager, the School Travel and Road Safety Officers and representatives from two schools.

This item will act as the third 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 hear from residents that are in close vicinity of schools and 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 third witness session of the review to gain an understanding of the experiences of local residents with regard to road safety around the Borough's schools.**

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The following witnesses will be present to take part in the third information gathering session on 10 January 2024:

Rakesh Kumar	Local resident living in close vicinity to school
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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 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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