

The Council's Road Safety Initiatives and Activities Around The Borough's Schools -- Draft Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations

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| Committee name | Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee |
| Officer reporting | Anisha Teji – Democratic Services |
| Papers with report | None. |
| Ward | All Wards |

HEADLINES

Background

As part of the review into road safety, Members will be advised to consider findings, conclusions and draft recommendations on the review for discussion. These will be with the intention of improving the Council's road safety initiatives and activities around the Borough's schools.

Summary

The Committee has, to date, held three witness sessions. The intention of these sessions was to obtain feedback from a range of stakeholders with a view to improving the service. The first witness session set the scene and outlined the Council's position in terms of road safety. Officers and the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport attended the session. At the second session, 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. At the last meeting, the Committee heard from residents that lived in close vicinity of schools and representatives from the Guru Nanak Sikh Academy.

As the witness testimony is now complete, it is considered timely for Members to start to consider their collective findings so these can be worked up in more detail, and ultimately incorporated into the final report to Cabinet. Any subsequent findings from the sixth witness session can still be fed into the process.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee consider conclusions, findings and draft recommendations in relation to the review.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

In considering this item, Members should bear in mind the following:

1) Scoping report – looking at the original parameters of the review

The updated review scoping report is attached so Members can be reminded of the original Terms of Reference as set out below, and whether the Committee has met these:

1. To understand the Council's current position and procedures with regard to road safety initiatives;
2. To explore the national legislative setting and initiatives undertaken by other London Boroughs and local authorities in relation to road safety, particularly outer London Boroughs;
3. To explore road safety trends both locally and nationally;
4. To 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.
6. Subject to the Committee's findings, to make any conclusions, propose actions, service and policy recommendations to the decision-making Cabinet.

2) Policy review guidance

Members are asked to consider whether draft findings and recommendations:

- Meet the initial aims / objectives of the review (as above)
- Be SMART, Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound
- Not be a short-term fix, but a lasting outcome
- Consider the financial aspect, e.g. cost neutral, provide savings or if at a cost, then affordable – and if possible aligned with the MTFF (budget planning process)
- Are based on a broad evidence base as possible and 'user or resident' insight
- Not create additional bureaucracy, e.g. if it relates to a policy, then to seek to review or amend existing policies (unless there is an absolute imperative for a new policy)
- If publicity or wider engagement or education is recommended, to target such communications as best as possible rather than generally
- Consider 'conclusions' as well as any specific recommendations.

RESIDENT BENEFIT

The aim of the review into road safety is to hear testimonies from stakeholders as to how the service can be improved, in addition to what is currently working well.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.