
Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee

22nd February 2010

Report of the Interim Head of Civic, Legal & Democratic Services

School Travel Plans & Safe Routes to School - Possible Review Topic

Summary

1. This report asks Members to consider whether they wish to progress this topic to review.
2. A presentation will be given on Safe Routes to School and School Travel Plans in order to inform Members' decision.

Background

3. At a meeting of this Committee on 8th December 2010 Members considered a feasibility report regarding 'Safe Travel to School', which had been submitted by Councillor James Alexander. A copy of the original topic registration form is attached at **Annex A** to this report for reference.
4. Many of the comments set out in the feasibility report raised concerns regarding the extent of the proposed topic and suggested that the topic should be more clearly defined and concentrated around the Safe Routes to School Programme and School Travel Plans. It was generally agreed by the consultees that in its present form it was too wide reaching and it was doubtful what could be gained from it.
5. In light of the above Members of the Committee agreed to receive a presentation on the Safe Routes to School Programme and School Travel Plans in order to identify whether these could be a focus for a scrutiny review.

Consultation

6. The presentation on Safe Routes to School and School Travel Plans has been prepared by and will be presented by:

Andrew Bradley – Principal Transport Planner (Operations)
Christine Packer – School Travel Plan Co-ordinator
Louise Robinson – Engineer – Transport & Safety

Options

7. Members are asked to consider the following options:

Option A Progress the topic to review

Option B Do not progress this topic to review

Analysis

8. Members are asked to receive the presentation and consider whether there are any areas within it that they would like to undertake a review on.
9. Should Members choose to proceed with a review then they will need to prepare a focussed remit detailing a clear aim, some key objectives and a scope. Members are also asked to consider whether any review should be undertaken by the entire Committee or by a small task group.
10. Members should also take into consideration commitments already in their work plan and decide where work on any review undertaken would be best placed.

Corporate Strategy 2009/2012

11. The contents of this report and the focus of any review that may be undertaken are linked with the 'Safer City' element of the Corporate Strategy 2009/2012.

Implications

12. **Financial** – There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations within this report however should Members of the Committee choose to progress this topic to review implications may arise. There is a small amount of funding in the scrutiny budget to enable reviews to take place.
13. **Legal** – There are no known legal implications associated with the recommendations within this report however should this topic be progressed to review implications may arise.
14. **Human Resources** – There are no known Human Resources implications associated with the recommendations within this report.
15. There are no known equalities, crime & disorder, information technology or property implications associated with the recommendations within this report.

Risk Management

16. In compliance with the Council's risk management policy there are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report.

Recommendations

17. Members are asked to consider whether they wish to progress this topic to review and if so prepare a remit, key objectives and a scope.

Reason: To address the concerns raised in the topic registration form.

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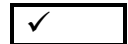
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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:



For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

Feasibility Report – 8th December 2009

Annexes

Annex A Topic Registration Form