

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 22 March 2021

Wards: All

Subject: Reference from the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel – HGV's, Roadworks and School Streets.

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Recommendations:

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1. The Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel recommends that Cabinet take into account its reference set out in paragraphs 2.6 to 2.13 below when making decisions on changes to Merton's road networks and associated resident communications.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. At its meeting on 19 January 2021 the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel received a number of detailed updates from the Head of Future Merton on issues affecting the borough's road networks and footpaths. These included how HGV's are managed in the borough, roadwork maintenance, sustainable travel and school streets.
- 1.2. The Panel agreed to make a reference to Cabinet on these items as set out in paragraphs 2.6 to 2.13 below.

2 DETAILS

2.1. Scrutiny process

- 2.2. The Panel received reports setting out the requested information and asked questions of clarification.
- 2.3. The Panel heard representations from Haydon's Road North, Wimbledon Park Residents Association, Belvedere Estate Residents Association and Wimbledon East Hillside Residents Association.
- 2.4. Further details of points made in the discussion will be published in the minutes of the meeting.

2.5. Scrutiny response

- 2.6. The Panel RESOLVED to send the following recommendations to Cabinet with regards to HGV's;
- 2.7. "The Panel supports the work the Council has done so far on HGV's and would encourage further work in this area, particularly a wider emphasis across the borough on numbers and emissions, and with an increased focus on those areas outlined by residents as a concern, where the financial resource is available".

- 2.8. “The Panel also recommends that an information hub to support residents in dealing with complaints about problems with HGVs is created and added to the Merton website and advertised appropriately”.
- 2.9. Following discussion around Roadworks and network co-ordination, the Panel RESOLVED to send the following recommendations to Cabinet;
- 2.10. “The Panel recommends that enhanced information with regards to road and footpath maintenance and repair - especially with regards to the proactive work and how that is established - is added to the Merton website and advertised appropriately”.
- 2.11. With regards to School Streets in the borough, the Panel RESOLVED to send the following reference to Cabinet;
- 2.12. “The Panel welcomes the decisive action from the Council on establishing the largest number of schools streets in London and request communications to encourage further resident feedback and explore expanding the scheme with the support of the schools”.
- 2.13. Additionally, the Panel RESOLVED to revisit these item in the future work programme.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. None – Cabinet is required under the council’s constitution to receive, consider and respond to references from overview and scrutiny.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. Invitations to provide submissions to the Panel were sent to a wide range of residents’ associations and local community organisations.

5 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. None for the purpose of this report.

6 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. Cabinet is required under the council’s constitution to receive, consider and respond to references from overview and scrutiny. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires Cabinet to respond to reports and recommendations made by scrutiny committees within two months of written notice being given.

7 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. There are no human rights, equalities and community cohesion implications as a result of this report.

8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. These are no crime and disorder implications as a result of this report.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. There are no risk management and health and safety implications as a result of this report.

10 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- None
- 11 BACKGROUND PAPERS**
None

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