

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 19 June 2023

Wards: All

Subject: Reference from the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel – Active travel and cycling Infrastructure

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Recommendations:

1. The Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel requests that Cabinet respond to its reference set out in paragraph 2.6 to 2.7 below.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. During the 1st September 2022 meeting of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel, members received a presentation on active travel and cycling infrastructure. The Head of Future Merton and the Cabinet Member for Transport responded to questions and provided further detail where needed. A member of Merton Transport Group also attended to address the Panel.

2 DETAILS

2.1. Scrutiny process

- 2.2. The Presentation set out an overview of the existing cycling and active travel policy as well as provided Members with an opportunity to provide comments which could feed into the planned Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, which has set out a commitment to developing a Cycling Strategy by 2023.

- 2.3. The Panel were concerned about the existing cycling infrastructure and would like this area of work to be prioritised.

2.4. Scrutiny response

- 2.5. The Panel RESOLVED (all ten members voted in favour) to send the following recommendations to Cabinet

- 2.6. This panel requests Cabinet looks at resourcing for and prioritise the walking and cycling master plan.

- 2.7. Recommend to Cabinet that they examine any potential quick wins that are already identified and still relevant.

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. None for the purpose of this report.

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