

**Report to:** Cabinet

**Date of meeting:** 23 April 2019

**By:** Assistant Chief Executive

**Title:** Scrutiny Review of the effectiveness of School Travel Plans

**Purpose:** To provide an opportunity for the Cabinet to consider the report of the Place Scrutiny Committee.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

To consider any comments the Cabinet wishes to make to the County Council on the report of the Place Scrutiny Committee.

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**1 Background**

1.1 In September 2018 the Place Scrutiny Committee established a Review Board to look into the effectiveness of School Travel Plans. The Review Board was comprised of three members of the Place Scrutiny Committee: Councillors Claire Dowling, Nigel Enever and Godfrey Daniel.

1.2 The Review Board's report is contained in appendix 1 and makes seven recommendations to:

- Support greater effectiveness of the monitoring of school travel plans secured through the planning process, and
- Ensure existing information in relation to school travel initiatives and guidance in relation to school travel is readily available to access for schools, parents and carers.

**2 Supporting information**

2.1 A recurring feature of objections to expansions of schools in the County is the effect on traffic conditions in the area, particularly anti-social parking at pick-up and drop-off times. In the minds of objectors an increase in pupil numbers equates to an inevitable increase in cars, traffic and negative impact on their amenity. Members of the County Council's Planning Committee have expressed reservations as to the enforceability and effectiveness of School Travel Plans.

2.2 The Committee's report will be submitted to the County Council on 14 May 2019. The Cabinet has the opportunity to comment to the County Council on the recommendations in the Scrutiny Committee's report, although it cannot alter the report.

**3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

3.1 The Cabinet is invited to consider any comments it wishes to make to the County Council on the report of the Place Scrutiny Committee.

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