

Report to: Place Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 17 March 2021

By: Director of Communities, Economy & Transport

Title: Update - Scrutiny Review of the effectiveness of School Travel Plans

Purpose: To provide the committee with an update on the recommendations identified through the review of the effectiveness of School Travel Plans.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (1) Note the updates in relation to the agreed recommendations identified through the review of the effectiveness of School Travel Plans, as set out in Appendix 2.**
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1. Background

1.1 The Place Scrutiny Committee, at a meeting on 19 March 2019, outlined a series of seven recommendations, which were developed by a Review Board and Communities, Economy and Transport (CET) officers to scrutinise the effectiveness of School Travel Plans. The Review encompassed the monitoring of School Travel Plans secured through the planning process, and the existing information available in relation to school travel initiatives and school travel guidance for schools, parents and carers. They are as outlined in Appendix 1. The seven recommendations were agreed, alongside a commitment to provide updates on progress in relation to these.

1.2 The Review Board was comprised of three members of the Place Scrutiny Committee: Councillors Claire Dowling, Nigel Enever and Godfrey Daniel, alongside officers across the teams of Strategic Economic Infrastructure (SEI), Transport Development Control (TDC) and Planning Policy & Development Management.

1.3 An update was presented to Scrutiny Committee on 20 November 2019 and the Committee noted that overall it was happy with the progress being made on the implementation of the recommendations from the review. The updates are also included in Appendix 1.

2. Supporting information

2.1 The agreed recommendations with an update on each are as outlined in Appendix 2.

2.2 In addition to the seven recommendations, we consulted on our draft Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). This set out proposed cycling and walking networks and measures within specific areas of the County. It focussed on areas of the County where there are the greatest opportunities to increase levels of cycling and walking, with an emphasis on delivering infrastructure improvements which will support those people who currently do not cycle or walk. Some of the proposals will benefit schools and capitalise on the existing work which is being undertaken. The LCWIP will be used to support future applications for government funding.

3. Conclusion

3.1 The committee is asked to note the updates to the recommendations and to acknowledge that future opportunities for school travel initiatives to support cycling and walking will be managed through the County Council's LCWIP.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None