

Committee: Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Panel

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Agenda item: 6

Wards: All

Subject: Mini Hollands Bid – Progress Update

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Recommendations:

- A. That Sustainable Communities O & S Panel notes the progress in relation to the council's 'Mini-Hollands' submission.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an overview to Members regarding the council's 'Mini-Hollands' submission.

2 DETAILS

Policy Context

- 2.1 The Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS), launched in 2010, sets out the transport vision for the capital and details how Transport for London and partners, including boroughs, will deliver the plan over the next 20 years.
- 2.2 Cycling is a key priority within the MTS – the Mayor of London has an objective to increase the overall modal share for cycling to 5% across the 20 year lifetime of the document, in order to create a cycle 'revolution' in London.
- 2.3 The headline commitments in the MTS in relation to cycling have been further supported in 2013 by the launch of "The Mayor's Vision for Cycling in London". The Vision includes six headline projects with associated funding, one of which is entitled "Mini Hollands' in the suburbs'.
- 2.4 In Spring 2013 all 20 outer London boroughs were invited by the Mayor of London to bid to become a 'mini-Holland' borough, which is a project designed to focus a very high spend on cycling, concentrated over a relatively small geographical area. The funding is designed to achieve transformational change for those living and working in the area, with the projects intended to act as cycling exemplars for other towns and cities to aspire to in the future. Between one and three boroughs were

expected to be successful, with overall funding within the region of £100million.

- 2.5 All 20 boroughs had the opportunity to submit an 'Expression of Interest' application, in order to make the case for why their borough should be eligible for the funding.
- 2.6 On 30th August 2013 the Mayor's Cycle Commissioner, Andrew Gilligan, confirmed Merton as one of eight boroughs that had been selected to go forward to the second stage of this process, on the back of the quality and deliverability of the 'Expression of Interest' application. This second stage involved TfL providing each of the selected boroughs additional 'seed' funding to further develop the proposals put forward in their initial bids.
- 2.7 Merton's final bid was submitted in December 2013 and has been included at Appendix A. Following the submission, the Cabinet Member and officers attended a 'Mini Hollands Panel Meeting' in January 2014 to present the bid to the Mayor's Cycle Commissioner and representatives from the GLA and TfL. Merton's presentation to the Panel has been included at Appendix B and supplementary information produced following the meeting has been included at Appendix C.
- 2.8 On 10th March 2014 the Mayor of London announced the 3 boroughs that had been successful in securing full mini hollands status: Kingston, Waltham Forest and Enfield.
- 2.9 Whilst Merton has not be selected for full mini hollands status, the bid has drawn strong praise from the Cycle Commissioner and the council will remain part of the Mini Hollands programme moving forward. The commitment has also been made that public funds will be provided to deliver a substantial proportion of the schemes included in the bid.
- 2.10 Discussions with the Cycle Commission and Transport for London regarding the precise level of funding that Merton will receive are currently ongoing, and further information will be reported in due course.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1 Not applicable – this report is for information only.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1 Not applicable – this report is for information only.

5 TIMETABLE

5.1 Performance information is monitored annually as a requirement of TfL.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial, resource or property implications arising from this information report.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 This report is for information only.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no specific human rights, equalities or community cohesion

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this information report.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no risk management or health and safety implications arising from this information report.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix A: The Mayor's 'Cycling Mini-Hollands' in Outer London' Fund – Final Submission (excluding appendices)
Appendix B: Merton's Presentation to the Mini Hollands Panel
Appendix C: Supplementary Information following Mini Hollands Panel Presentation

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