

## **Committee: Cabinet**

**Date: 19 June 2023**

Wards: All

## **Subject: Reference from the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel – School Streets**

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### **Recommendations:**

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1. The Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel requests that Cabinet note its reference set out in paragraph 2.6 to 2.8 below.
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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. At the September 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 meeting of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel, members received a presentation on lessons learned from implementing school streets. The Head of Future Merton and the Cabinet Member for Transport answered questions and provided further detail where needed.

## **2 DETAILS**

### **2.1. Scrutiny process**

- 2.2. The Panel received an overview on how school streets were delivered including its benefits; objectives; impact and financial implications. Panel members were also asked to put forward suggestions for locations of future sites.

- 2.3. The Panel would like the council could implement some distinguishing features, so residents are aware it is a school street.

- 2.4. Following

### **2.5. Scrutiny response**

- 2.6. The Panel RESOLVED (all ten members voted in favour) to send the following recommendations to Cabinet
- 2.7. The Council explore the possibility for planters and particular features that make it clear it is a school street.
- 2.8. Cabinet to review the communication to residents regarding school street zones including term times dates.

## **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