

Regeneration & Transport Select Committee

A meeting of Regeneration & Transport Select Committee was held on Monday, 21st January, 2008.

Present: Cllr Maurice Perry (Chairman), Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Mrs Liz Nesbitt, Cllr Fred Salt and Cllr Walmsley (Vice Councillor Eileen Craggs).

Officers: E Bird, J Kavanagh, B Trewick (DNS); P K Bell, G Birtle, D Ladd (LD).

Also in attendance: No other person was in attendance.

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Eileen Craggs, Cllr Paul Kirton and Cllr Michael Smith.

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Declarations of Interest

Cllr Maurice Perry declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 3 - Review of Sustainable School Travel Strategy, due to being the Chairman of the Education Support Panel.

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Review of Sustainable School Travel Strategy:-

As part of the Review of Sustainable School Travel Strategy Members received evidence from the following Bill Trewick (Traffic and Road Safety Manager), Elizabeth Bird (Community Transport Manager) and John Kavanagh (Senior Engineer).

Bill Trewick (Traffic and Road Safety Manager) gave Members a presentation. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

1. Areas of work
2. Traffic Management including Safety Engineering
2. Car Parking
3. Public Transport
4. Road Safety:-

* Enforcement - Civil Enforcement of Parking Restrictions, Safety Cameras, Driver Referrals

* Education - Understanding and influencing behaviour, Information and skills, better decision making, Practical Child pedestrian and cycle training, Motorcycles, National driver Improvement Scheme, Work related road risk, Urban Cycling, Fuel efficient driving

* Encouragement - School Travel Plans, Cycling, Walking

* Engineering - Local Safety Schemes, Traffic Calming, Speed Management, Villages, School Zones, Cycleways, Street Lighting

5. The Cost - Local transport Plan Capital 2007/08, Developer Contributions CSG/Sustrans, Revenue

6. Is it all working - Targets 2000 and 2010, BVPI 99, 2006 Casualty Review, 2006 KSI Study, New Road Safety Strategy 2006-11, 2007 Casualty Review

Bill Trewick (Traffic and Road Safety Manager) distributed a table detailing the accident and casualty monitoring statistics for the period January 2006 to

November 2007 supplemented with the provisional road casualties and accidents for December 2007. He commented that 2007 figures were likely to be the best ever results ever results and are now standing at about 60% of the mid 1980s figures despite a 70% increase in traffic since that time. He also displayed plans showing the distribution of accidents during the school journey in Stockton on Tees for a 3 year period December 2004 - November 2007 and gave details of general causation factors. It was noted that very few accidents took place around school frontages.

Members were then given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions on the presentation. Members requested that they receive a copy of the detailed break down of the school journey road casualties and accidents 2005 - 2007.

Members were informed that the policy to ensure that all roads with school frontages had a maximum speed limit of 30 mph had been implemented by 2006 and that 20 mph zones were being introduced where appropriate. Members requested that officers look into the practicalities of a 20mph speed limit outside of all schools.

Elizabeth Bird (Community Transport Manager) gave Members a presentation. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

1. Community Transport
2. Home to School Transport
3. Ingleby Barwick Transport
4. Financial Implications
5. Improving Choice and Opportunity
6. Keystage 4 Transport
7. Social Transport Schemes for Young People
8. Training and Service Developments

Members were then given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions on the presentation.

Members discussed the amount of pupils that are transported daily from Ingleby Barwick to main stream schools primarily in the Yarm area. Members also discussed the financial implications for the Council in 2007/08 and how much the cost would rise in the future.

John Kavanagh (Senior Engineer) gave Members a presentation. The presentation covered the following key areas:-

1. Public Transport for Schools
2. Borough Bus Scheme

3. CCTV
4. Yellow Bus Scheme
5. Half Price Fares in the Borough
6. Possible Regional Path Finders Scheme
7. Real Time Passenger Information
8. Cashless Payment Schemes and Mobile Phone Payment

Members were then given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions on the presentation. Members discussed the details of the Path Finders Partnership.

CONCLUDED that the evidence received from Bill Trewick (Traffic and Road Safety Manager), Elizabeth Bird (Community Transport Manager) and John Kavanagh (Senior Engineer) be noted.

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49/07 **Work Programme**

The Scrutiny Officer updated Members with regard the Project Plan and Work Programme for the Committee.

CONCLUDED that the updated Project Plan and Work Programme be noted.