

Regeneration and Transport Select Committee

Review of Sustainable School Travel Strategy

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 15 January 2008

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

Since the last update the report on employability went to Cabinet on 20 December.

The current topic for review is the Sustainable School Travel Strategy. This was referred to Executive Scrutiny by Cabinet in August. Cabinet suggested that School Travel Plans be considered as part of the review, in relation to what degree they had been implemented in Stockton and how effective they have been.

A School Travel Plan is a document setting out a package of measures for reducing the number of car trips made to a school or a group of schools by parents and staff and for improving safety on the school journey. School Travel Plans aim to cut congestion caused by the school run; reduce traffic danger; and support pupils who are already travelling by more sustainable means. A Sustainable School Travel Strategy is the policy background within which School Travel Plans are developed.

The review scope and project plan is due be determined by the Committee in January following the first tripartite meeting which took place in December.

Timescale for Review

The review is currently on schedule with a view to the final report being presented to Cabinet in May 2008.