

Regeneration and Transport Select Committee

Review of Sustainable School Travel Strategy

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 4 March 2008

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

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.

Since the last update, the Committee has taken evidence from Khalid Azam on the child health agenda, Pauline Beall on safeguarding children in relation to school travel, and Mike Chicken on the wider environmental impact of travel by car.

The Committee also received evidence from staff and students from Tilery Primary School, Junction Farm Primary School, and Conyers School to examine the different travel issues facing schools in Stockton, how schools put together a travel plan, and subsequent actions taken. Jane Sinclair, Jonathan Kibble, and Neil Ellison from the Road Safety Team also attended this meeting to provide information on operational issues of School Travel Plans, and the benefits of, and barriers to, securing more sustainable school travel.

Evidence was also received from Karen Smith and Nigel Gibb concerning measures to tackle illegal or inconsiderate parking outside schools.

In addition to this, a questionnaire has been sent out to all of Stockton's schools with and without a School Travel Plan.

The Committee has now completed the review.

Timescale for Review

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