

## **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 Committee have completed the review of the Sustainable School Travel Strategy.

The Committee has taken evidence from a variety of different sources for this review including:

- Oral evidence and discussion with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council officers including Khalid Azam, Joint Strategic Commissioner; Pauline Beall, Business Manager Stockton Local Children Safeguarding Board; Elizabeth Bird, Community Transport Manager; Mike Chicken, Environmental Projects Manager; Neil Ellison, Group Leader (Road Safety); Nigel Gibb, Car Park Manager; Betty Johns, Assistant Education Officer – Pupils and Students; John Kavanagh, Senior Engineer / Public Transport Manager; Jonathan Kibble, Senior Road Safety Officer; Jane Sinclair, School Travel Adviser; Karen Smith, Senior Enforcement Officer; Bill Trewick, Traffic and Road Safety Manager.
- Oral evidence and discussion with staff and students from three of the borough's schools, Conyers School, Tilery Primary School and Junction Farm Primary School, who were invited to attend a meeting of the Committee at the Town Hall;
- Questionnaires sent out to all headteachers of schools both with and without a school travel plan in the Borough;
- Information provided by the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

The Committee has considered as part of the review the take-up and effectiveness of school travel plans; provision of home to school travel and transport in Stockton Borough; how the school travel planning service 'joins-up' with other initiatives such as the Childhood Obesity Strategy, Extended Schools and Building Schools for the Future; enforcement of parking around schools; the provision of sustainable routes in the borough; and new public transport initiatives.

The Committee agreed the final report on the 25 March.

#### **Timescale for Review**

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