

Report for: Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 6 June 2016

Item number:

Title: Scrutiny Review of Cycling

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Ward(s) affected: All

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision:** N/A

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 Under the agreed terms of reference, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) can assist the Council and the Cabinet in its budgetary and policy framework through conducting in-depth analysis of local policy issues and can make recommendations for service development or improvement. The Committee may:

(a) Review the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or particular service areas;

(b) Conduct research to assist in specific investigations. This may involve surveys, focus groups, public meetings and/or site visits;

(c) Make reports and recommendations, on issues affecting the authority's area, or its inhabitants, to Full Council, its Committees or Sub-Committees, the Executive, or to other appropriate external bodies.

1.2 In this context, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 27 July 2015, agreed to set up a review project to look at the development of cycling as a mode of transport. The final report is attached at **Appendix 1** details the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

N/A

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approve the report and its recommendations; and

3.2 That the report be submitted to Cabinet for response.

4. Reasons for decision

4.1 The Committee is requested to approve the report and the recommendations within it so that it may be formally referred to the Council's Cabinet for response.

5. Alternative options considered

5.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee could decide not to approve the report and its recommendations, which would mean that they could not be referred to Cabinet for response

6. Background information

6.1 The rationale for the setting up of the review, including the scope and terms of reference, is outlined in paragraphs 1.1 to 1.3 of the report.

7. Contribution to strategic outcomes

7.1 Increasing the use of cycling as a mode of transport as it is one of the Council's key priorities within the Corporate Plan for 2015-18. Objective 3 within Priority 3 of this states: "We will make Haringey one of the most cycling and pedestrian friendly boroughs in London".

7.2 The Council's role is stated as being to promote cycling and walking by introducing a 20 mph speed limit, increasing dedicated cycle lanes and encouraging sustainable forms of transport through a smarter travel campaign.

8. Statutory Officers Comments

Finance

8.1 The cost of this Scrutiny review has been contained within existing budgets. Where there are financial implications of implementing the recommendations within this report, it is important that the recommendations are fully costed and a funding source identified before they can be agreed. If the recommendation requires funding beyond existing budgets or available external funding, then Cabinet will need to agree the additional funding before related works can proceed.

8.2 Areas where there are potential additional costs to the Council include the development or revision of strategy documents, reviews of road infrastructure and installation of new facilities.

Legal

8.3 Under Section 9F of the Local Government Act 2000 ("LGA"), the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the power to make reports or recommendations to Cabinet on matters which affect the Council's area or the inhabitant of its area. Reports and recommendations will be presented to the next available Cabinet meeting together with an officer report where appropriate.

8.4 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee must by notice in writing require Cabinet to consider the report and recommendations and under Section 9FE of the LGA, there is a duty on Cabinet to respond to the report, indicating what (if any) action Cabinet, proposes to take, within 2 months of receiving the report and recommendations.

Equality

8.5 The Council has a public sector equality duty under the Equalities Act (2010) to have due regard to:

- Tackle discrimination and victimisation of persons that share the characteristics protected under S4 of the Act. These include the characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (formerly gender) and sexual orientation;
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not;
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

8.7 The Panel has aimed to consider these duties within this review and, in particular;

- How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share the nine protected characteristics;
- Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate;
- Whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Haringey;
- Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people, are being realised.

8.8 The report particularly highlights lower levels of cycling amongst women, older people and some ethnic minority communities and its recommendations aim to address these issues.

9. Use of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Review of Cycling

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985