

Overview and Scrutiny Committee 16 November 2016

Report title: Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission: Update Report & Recommendations

Wards: All

Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport: Councillor Jennifer Brathwaite

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Report summary

This report provides an update for members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) on the work of the Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission including the proposed final recommendations, on which the committee is asked to comment, and information on bringing the final report and action plan to Cabinet. It is envisaged that the recommendations (attached as Appendix 1) will feed into discussions at this meeting of OSC on policy direction for the Council's new Long Term Transport Strategy currently in development.

Finance summary

There are no capital or revenue implications arising as a direct result of this report.

Recommendations

- (1) To note the progress of the commission.
- (2) To provide feedback on the recommendations prior to the commission reporting to Cabinet.
- (3) That the committee considers the commission's recommendations (Appendix 1) when formulating its own recommendations for the Council's new Long Term Transport Strategy.

1. **Context**

- 1.1 The Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission was established following a series of themed discussions between councillors to identify suitable areas for scrutiny following the revision of the scrutiny function in 2014. The initial proposal was submitted by Councillor Nigel Haselden in early 2015 and was approved by the Overview and Scrutiny chair and vice chairs soon after, when resources to progress the commission became available.
- 1.2 Parking is an issue of perennial interest among residents, yet car ownership is falling while alternatives to private cars such as car clubs, cycling and walking are becoming ever more popular. The aim of the Equality Streets commission is to examine council policy and practice in the field of vehicle parking and make recommendations aimed at ensuring that the borough's future social needs and environmental priorities are appropriately and equitably provided for. This linked strongly to the former Community Plan (2013-2016) outcomes of "Cleaner Streets & Greener Neighbourhoods" and "Safer & Stronger Communities" while also chiming with several elements of the recently approved Future Lambeth: Our Borough Plan (2016-2021), including the role of transport infrastructure in achieving inclusive growth and the importance of accessible, sustainable transport in creating strong and sustainable neighbourhoods.
- 1.3 It is envisaged that the commission's conclusions will provide a qualitative evidence base for policy development in the fields of strategic transport and public realm.
- 1.4 The Members of the commission are as follows:
 - Councillor Nigel Haselden (Co-Chair)
 - Councillor Robert Hill (Co-Chair)
 - Councillor Marsha de Cordova
 - Councillor Diana Morris
 - Councillor Annie Gallop
- 1.5 The commission invited a number of stakeholders to a "summit" session in September 2015 to take evidence and provoke debate on the opportunities for the council and partners to configure legislative, physical and financial aspects of vehicle parking policy and practice to play a positive part in our town centres and residential areas. Input was sought from relevant councillors and council officers, local resident and business representatives, experts and interest groups. Contributors included:
 - John Dales, Director of Urban Movement
 - Paul Dodd, Director of OutDesign
 - Anne Jaluzot, Trees and Design Action Group
 - Isabelle Clement, Wheels for Wellbeing
 - Jeremy Leach, 20's Plenty For Us
 - Nicole Harris, Transport for London Taxi Ranks Liaison Officer
 - Bill Linskey, Brixton Society
 - Diana Bell, Clapham Society
 - Andrea Hoffling, Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall Forum
 - Ben Stephenson, Waterloo Business Improvement District (BID)
 - Louise Abbotts, Streatham BID

- Councillor Jennifer Brathwaite, Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport
- Raj Mistry, Director of Environment
- Peter Loveday, Transport Planning Manager

- 1.6 The documentation pertaining to this event is appended to this report. This comprises: the commission scoping template (Appendix 2); the outline agenda for the session (Appendix 3); the primer report supplied to delegates providing an introduction and policy context (Appendix 4); and the minutes of the event, which include summaries of the presentations made and the subsequent round table discussion sessions (Appendix 5).
- 1.7 Following on from this evidence gathering session, the commission co-chairs held a series of meetings over a period of time with senior officers to seek clarification and probe further where necessary. This helped ensure effective joined up working and appropriate consideration of related work – including the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) study, Borough Wide Two-Way Cycling in One-Way Streets Study, Air Quality Action Plan and developments in civil enforcement, as well as the Transport Strategy baseline – when drawing conclusions.
- 1.8 In response to the evidence gathered the commission formulated a set of draft recommendations. As a result of consultation (details of which are contained within section 5) these recommendations were further developed and the proposed final version is included here at Appendix 1.

2. Proposal and Reasons

- 2.1 It is proposed that committee members note the progress made by the commission as outlined above and provide comments on the recommendations (included as Appendix 1) prior to them being formally presented, in the form of the final commission report, to Cabinet. The timeline for this is still under consideration but is expected to be early 2017.
- 2.2 Officers will be preparing an action plan to accompany the commission report responding to the recommendations, for which Cabinet approval will be sought.
- 2.3 Following agreement of the action plan at Cabinet, further updates will be sought after 6 months and a further 12 months detailing progress made in relation to the recommendations.
- 2.4 In addition to the formal reporting of the commission's work to the parent committee (OSC) as outlined in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.3 above, the committee is asked to specifically consider the Equality Streets recommendations when formulating its own recommendations on future transport policy at this meeting, noting that the key aim of the commission was to provide a qualitative evidence base for policy review.

3. Finance

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report; however, the final report of the commission, when reported to Cabinet, will have an action plan attached providing the departmental response to the recommendations made, and this is likely to need more detailed consideration as to the financial impact.

4. Legal and Democracy

- 4.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Separate legal clearance will be sought in relation to the commission's final report to Cabinet.
- 4.2 The final report of the commission will be entered onto the Forward Plan with the mandatory 28 days' notice prior to the Cabinet meeting at which it is considered.

5. Consultation and co-production

- 5.1 As stated above, the commission held a stakeholder summit in September 2015 to which a range of contributors were invited. Invitees were carefully chosen to ensure a good cross section of resident and business representatives, experts in the field of transport and public realm, interest groups, councillors and council officers, and include (but are not limited to) those outlined in paragraph 1.6.
- 5.2 Following the formulation of draft recommendations, the commission also held a three week consultation with stakeholders (including those invited but unable to attend the September 2015 session) in order to seek feedback on the initial conclusions. Detailed submissions were made by 11 individuals ranging from local residents, councillors and officers to interest groups including Disability Advice Service Lambeth, Lambeth Cyclists and 20's Plenty For Us.
- 5.3 In response to the feedback received, the recommendations were revised to address the comments made. This included added consideration of non-standard cycles such as cargo bikes, tandems and Christiana bikes; the combination of certain recommendations for brevity, and occasional re-wording for clarity.

6. Risk management

7. Equalities impact assessment

- 7.1 No equalities impact assessment is needed specifically for this report. The Commission's proposals do however seek to achieve a positive impact with respect to equalities, including ensuring more equitable treatment of all residents when it comes to policies related to transport and public realm.

8. Community safety

- 8.1 The commission makes recommendations which pertain to civil enforcement which would have a positive effect on community safety by helping to tackle anti-social behaviour.

9. Organisational implications

9.1 Environmental

The commission's recommendations seek to encompass various environmental considerations such as increasing greening and the reduction of air pollution.

9.2 Staffing and accommodation

None.

9.3 **Procurement**

None.

9.4 **Health**

The commission's work aims to have a positive impact on health outcomes by encouraging increased exercise by way of sustainable, less polluting forms of transport such as walking and cycling. The work also supports the aims of the Air Quality Action Plan.

10. **Timetable for implementation**

10.1 The expected timetable is as follows:

16 November 2016	Commission update report and recommendations to be presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration
Late 2016/ Early 2017	Final commission report and action plan to be prepared
Early 2017	Commission report and recommendations to be presented to Cabinet for consideration and response
Mid 2017	Six month update report on progress against recommendations
Mid 2018	Twelve month update report on progress against recommendations

Audit trail				
Consultation				
Name/Position	Lambeth directorate/department or partner	Date Sent	Date Received	Comments in para:
Councillor Jennifer Brathwaite	Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport	06.10.16	01.11.16	
Councillor Nigel Haselden	Commission Co-Chair	06.10.16	17.10.16	
Councillor Robert Hill	Commission Co-Chair	06.10.16	21.10.16	
Councillor Marsha de Cordova	Commission Member	06.10.16		
Councillor Diana Morris	Commission Member	06.10.16	20.10.16	
Councillor Annie Gallop	Commission Member	06.10.16		
Councillor Ed Davie	Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee	06.10.16		
Councillor Matt Parr	OSC Vice Chair for "Place"	06.10.16		
Councillor Ed Davie	Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee	06.10.16		
Alison McKane, Head of Legal Services	On behalf of Strategic Director for Corporate Resources	06.10.16	13.10.16	
Sue Foster	Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods & Growth	06.10.16		
Raj Mistry	Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods	06.10.16		
Doug Black	Director of Planning, Transport & Development	06.10.16		
Martin Crump, Finance	Corporate Resources, Finance Division	06.10.16	06.10.16	Section 3 / Finance summary
Andrew Pavlou, Legal Services	Corporate Resources	06.10.16	06.10.16	Section 4
Jacqueline Pennycook, Democratic Services	Corporate Resources	06.10.16	10.10.16	
Report history				
Original discussion with Cabinet Member		04.09.15		
Report deadline		04.11.16		
Date final report sent		03.11.16		
Part II Exempt from Disclosure/confidential accompanying report?		No		
Key decision report		No		
Date first appeared on forward plan		N/A		
Key decision reasons		N/A		
Background information		Lambeth Community Plan 2013-16 Future Lambeth: Our Borough Plan 2016-2021		
Appendices		Appendix 1 – Recommendations Appendix 2 – Commission scope Appendix 3 – Stakeholder event agenda		

	Appendix 4 – Stakeholder event primer report Appendix 5 – Minutes of stakeholder event
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