

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee** 28 February 2017

**Report title: Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission: Final Report**

**Wards:** All

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

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### **Report summary**

This report presents the final report of the Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission and seeks formal sign off from the committee prior to its presentation to Cabinet, scheduled for 13 March 2017.

### **Finance summary**

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

### **Recommendations**

- (1) To approve the Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission report (attached at Appendix 1) for presentation to Cabinet on 13 March 2017 subject to any comments from Members.

## 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 – comprising the commission scope, the outline agenda for the session, the primer report supplied to delegates providing an introduction and policy context, and the minutes (which include summaries of the presentations made and the subsequent round table discussion sessions) – are included in the commission’s final report, attached at Appendix 1.
- 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 a proposed final version was taken to the Transport-themed Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) meeting on 16 November 2016, where Members’ comments led to further minor revisions.

## **2. Proposal and Reasons**

- 2.1 It is proposed that the committee approves the commission report for presentation to Cabinet – currently scheduled for Monday 13 March 2017 – subject to any comments from Members.
- 2.2 Officers are in the process of preparing an action plan to accompany the commission report, responding to the recommendations therein. Cabinet will be asked to approve the action plan at the same meeting.
- 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.

## **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 has already been entered onto the Forward Plan, meaning mandatory 28 days’ notice has been given.

## **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 1.5.
- 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.
- 5.4 The recommendations were then presented to the Transport-themed OSC meeting held on 16 November 2016 alongside the Lambeth Long Term Transport Strategy (LTTS) Baseline and Future Baseline Analysis. Both reports were discussed in tandem and the commission's recommendations were put forward for formal consideration by officers when drafting the LTTS. The papers from that meeting can be found at: <http://moderngov.lambeth.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=113&MId=10010&Ver=4>

## **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. Some of the recommendations are also linked to the Council's Air Quality Action Plan which is also being presented to Cabinet in March 2017.

## 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:

28 February 2017	Final commission report presented to OSC
13 March 2017	Commission report and recommendations to be presented to Cabinet for consideration and response
Late 2017	Six month update report on progress against recommendations
Late 2018	Twelve month update report on progress against recommendations

<b>Audit trail</b>				
<b>Consultation</b>				
<b>Name/Position</b>	<b>Lambeth directorate/department or partner</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Comments in para:</b>
Councillor Jennifer Brathwaite	Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport	01.02.17		
Councillor Nigel Haselden	Commission Co-Chair	01.02.17	09.02.17	N/A
Councillor Robert Hill	Commission Co-Chair	01.02.17		
Councillor Marsha de Cordova	Commission Member	01.02.17		
Councillor Diana Morris	Commission Member	01.02.17		
Councillor Annie Gallop	Commission Member	01.02.17		
Councillor Ed Davie	Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee	01.02.17		
Councillor Matt Parr	OSC Vice Chair, "Place"	01.02.17		
Alison McKane, Head of Legal Services	On behalf of Strategic Director, Corporate Resources	01.02.17	09.02.17	N/A
Sue Foster	Strategic Director, Neighbourhoods & Growth	01.02.17		
Raj Mistry	Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods	01.02.17	09.02.17	9.1
Doug Black	Director of Planning, Transport & Development	01.02.17	09.02.17	N/A
Simon Phillips	Transport Manager	01.02.17		
Tim Harlock, Finance	Corporate Resources, Finance Division	01.02.17	07.02.17	Section 3 & Finance summary
Andrew Pavlou, Legal Services	Corporate Resources	01.02.17	02.02.17	Section 4
Jacqueline Pennycook, Democratic Services	Corporate Resources	01.02.17		
<b>Report history</b>				
<b>Original discussion with Cabinet Member</b>		04.09.15		
<b>Report deadline</b>		16.02.17		
<b>Date final report sent</b>		16.02.17		
<b>Part II Exempt from Disclosure/confidential accompanying report?</b>		No		
<b>Key decision report</b>		No		
<b>Date first appeared on forward plan</b>		N/A		
<b>Key decision reasons</b>		N/A		
<b>Background information</b>		<a href="#">Lambeth Community Plan 2013-16</a> <a href="#">Future Lambeth: Our Borough Plan 2016-2021</a> <a href="#">Agenda and minutes of Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee meeting of 16 November 2016</a>		
<b>Appendices</b>		Appendix 1 – Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission Final Report		