

Cabinet, 23 March 2017

Report title: Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission: Response and Action Plan

Wards: All

Portfolio: Councillor Jennifer Brathwaite, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

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Report summary

The Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission was established in 2015. The Commission has now completed its work and submits its report for Cabinet's consideration. Cabinet is requested to consider the commission's report and approve the action plan setting out the response to the Commission's recommendations.

Finance summary

There are no financial implications - actions outlined in the attached plan will be met from existing budgets and programmes of work.

Recommendations

- (1) To receive the report and recommendations of the Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission (Appendix 1).
- (2) To approve the action plan prepared in response to the Commission's recommendations (Appendix 2) and to note that it will be reviewed in September 2017 and September 2018

1. Context

- 1.1 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 was to examine council policy and practice in the field of vehicle parking and make recommendations aimed at ensuring that equal provision is made for the borough's future social needs and environmental priorities.
- 1.2 In September 2015 the Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission held an evidence gathering session with stakeholders. The the commission co-chairs subsequently had several meetings with senior officers that helped to 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.
- 1.3 The Commission has a number of recommendations which were presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 28 February 2017; the Committee agreed the report and its recommendations should be recommended to Cabinet for approval. This report and the attached action plan (Appendix 2) responds to the Commission's findings and sets out how the recommendations will be taken forward.

2. Proposal and Reasons

- 2.1 The Commission looked at various aspects of parking strategy and public realm design/enforcement, and makes recommendations aimed at steering policies towards increasing sustainable travel and achieving more enjoyable neighbourhoods, town centres and public spaces.
- 2.2 The reasons for the Commission's recommendations are outlined in detail within the body of the Commission's report (Appendix 1).
- 2.3 In response an action plan has been developed that outlines the appropriate response from the authority, within existing budgets and programs of work, where appropriate. The following recommendations would require additional resources: 3a (More restrictions to be put on use of A-boards); 6 (borough-wide CPZ); 12 (policy should be revised to create a presumption against new crossovers); 18 (integration of parking regimes across streets and estates

The following recommendations are dependent on securing Local Implementation Funding via Transport for London: 7 (Car club, cycle hangar and electric charging provision); 10 (One-way streets in the borough should be made two-way for cyclists); 14 (sustainable travel plans for schools and businesses); 15 (freight consolidation).

3. Finance

- 3.1 There are no financial implications - actions outlined in the attached plan will be met from existing budgets and programmes of work.

4. Legal and Democracy

- 4.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.
- 4.2 This proposed key decision was entered in the Forward Plan on 16 December 2016 and the necessary 28 clear days' notice has been given. The report will be published for five clear days before the decision is considered by Cabinet.

5. Consultation and co-production

- 5.1 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.
- 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

n/a

7. Equalities impact assessment

- 7.1 The Commission's proposals 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. The Equalities Impact Assessment is attached as Appendix 3.

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 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

The timetable for implementation of the actions agreed by Cabinet in response to the Commission's recommendations are set out in Appendix 2 (Equality Street Scrutiny Commission Action Plan). The six month and 12 month review of the action plan will take place in late 2017 and late 2018.

Audit trail				
Consultation				
Name/Position	Lambeth directorate/department or partner	Date Sent	Date Received	Comments in para:
Councillor Jennifer Brathwaite Cabinet Member:	Environment and Transport	06.02.17	7.02.17	
Sue Foster Strategic Director	Nighbourhoods and Growth	24.02.17	10.03.17	
Derek Roopnarine Finance	Corporate Resources	23.02.17	24.02.17	
Jean-Marc Moccarme, Legal Services	Corporate Resources	23.02.17	02.03.17	
Henry Langford Democratic Services	Corporate Resources	23.02.17	23.02.17	4
Raj Mistry Programme Director,	Environment	23.03.17	01.03.17	
Doug Black	Nighbourhoods and Growth	23.02.17		
Neil Wightman	Nighbourhoods and Growth	23.02.17	24.02.17	
Rachel Sharpe			23.02.17	

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Background information	<p>Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission: Update Report & Recommendations – Overview and Scrutiny Committee 16 November 2016 https://moderngov.lambeth.gov.uk/documents/s84855/04a%20Equality%20Streets%20OSC%20Report%20Nov%202016.pdf</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 28 February 2017 https://moderngov.lambeth.gov.uk/documents/s86898/06%20Equality%20Streets%20DRAFT%20OSC%20Report%20Feb%202017.pdf</p>
Appendices	<p>Appendix 1: Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission Report</p> <p>Appendix 2: Equality Streets Scrutiny Commission Action Plan</p> <p>Appendix 3: Equality Impact Assessment</p>