

# report

meeting ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SELECT COMMITTEE

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT

### SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT 2005/06

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To keep Members informed of the latest developments with regard to School Travel Plans in Nottinghamshire.

## **Joint Steering Group**

2. The Joint Steering Group was established in April 2004 to monitor and oversee the progress of Government's "Travelling to School" initiative with the aim of all schools having a School Travel Plan (STP) by the year 2010. Regular progress reports are presented to this Committee.

The current Group Membership is as follows:-

Councillor Mrs Joan Taylor (Chair)

Councillor Jim Napier

Councillor Kevan Wakefield

Councillor Vincent Dobson

Sarah Law - Head Teacher Jesse Gray School

Helen Richardson - Head Teacher John Blow Primary

Phil Crompton - Head Teacher Annie Holgate

Phil Rankin

Susan Smith }

Gill Gilbert }

John Martin - NCC Education

# **Progress**

3. The Joint Steering Group met on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2006 to consider progress made on the introduction of School Travel Plans in 2005/06 and the main outcomes were as follows:-

- 58 No STPS were completed and approved in 2005/06 financial year and these have been submitted to DfT/DfES for the allocation of capital grants to these schools. (see Appendix 1).
- In total 134 No STPs are now operational in the administrative county of Nottinghamshire as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 – this represents over a third of schools in the County.
- Model Shift on the School Journey when comparing 2005 survey results with those obtained in 2001, schools with an STP have shown a 3% reduction in car use and those without a STP a 3% increase in car use. This represents a 6% shift and was deemed to represent good progress by the Joint Steering Group.
- Walking Bus Schemes: 4No pilot "Walking Bus" schemes were in operation by February 06 and this initiative is likely to extend rapidly over the next few months.
- National Walk to School Week: 151No Primary Schools in Nottinghamshire (51%) took part in the Walk to School Week between 3 7 October 2005. This year's Walk to School Week is 22 26 May 2006.
- Walking Operation Whenever: This is a new initiative to encourage sustainable travel to school in Nottinghamshire. Pupils are issued with a "passport" and for every 40 sustainable journeys (20 days) they make, their passport is signed and they receive a pin badge at an awards assembly. Seven pilots are in place (one in each District) with a view to a full launch in October 2006.
- Newsletter: The fourth edition of the STP Newsletter "Pounding the Pavement" was issued to schools recently.

#### **Future Actions**

- 4. The Joint Steering Group has agreed to meet twice yearly to monitor STP progress and future considerations will include:
  - a) Submission of the STP Annual Report for 2005/06 to DfT/DfES and acceptance of STP completion targets. An 80% completion target has been put forward for 2010 based on the resources available and the increasing burden of keeping existing STPs refreshed and fully effective.
  - b) Implications of the latest Education legislation on School Choice which are likely to have an impact on school transport operations and also on the work of the School Travel Plan Advisors. This is due to the new duty on local authorities of knowing where pupils are going and an obligation to ease their journeys.

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## LIST OF SCHOOLS APPLIED FOR CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING MARCH 2006

	FOR CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING MARCH 2006	
Greater Nottingham	Schools with completed plans	Date Completed
BROXTOWE	Albany Infants	March 06
	Albany Junior	March 06
	Bramcote Hills Comprehensive	March 06
	Bramcote Park Business & Ent	March 06
	Frederick Harrison, Stapleford	March 06
	Larkfield Infants	March 06
	Larkfield Junior	March 06
	Stevenson Junior, Stapleford	March 06
	William Lilley Infants, Stapleford	March 06
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	Woodborough Woods Foundation	March 06
	Woodthorpe Infants	
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	Abbey Gates Primary	March 06
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	Archbishop Cranmer C of E Primary	March 06
	Cropwell Bishop Primary	March 06
	Flintham Primary	March 06
	Gotham Primary (PPG13)	March 06
	Normanton on Soar Primary	March 06
	Radcliffe on Trent Infants	March 06
	Radcliffe on Trent Juniors	March 06
	St Peter's East Bridgford	March 06
	Tollerton Primary	March 06
	West Bridgford Comprehensive	March 06
	South Wolds Comprehensive	March 06
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	Kirkby Woodhouse Primary	March 06
	Morven Park Primary	March 06
	Greenwood Primary	March 06
	Selston Infants	March 06
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	Everton Primary	March 06
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