

Report



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Report of the Chair of the Communities & the Environment Standing Committee

Scrutiny of Road Safety Around Schools

Purpose of the report

- 1 This paper presents for consideration by the Cabinet, recommendations from a scrutiny review of road safety around schools.

Background

- 2 The County Council's Communities & the Environment Standing Committee undertakes reviews on issues that are of concern to Members. Each review reports its findings and can make recommendations for improvement.
- 3 Members of the Communities & the Environment Standing Committee recently completed a review which examined the issues associated with road safety around schools, including casualty data and school travel plans.
- 4 The Review recognised that the number of accidents taking place outside schools was minimal.
- 5 A copy of the Review is attached as an appendix to this report. The Cabinet is invited to provide a response to the recommendations.
- 6 For ease of reference a summary of the review's recommendations also appears below:
 - i. Undertake a frequent analysis of land use near schools with a view to identifying places that could be used as a parking/drop-off point for use by parents and carers at the beginning and end of the school day – even if these places are only available in the relative short term, schools should be strongly encouraged to broker their use

- ii. Encourage Head Teachers and other senior school staff to regularly monitor and observe any congestion outside their school in a highly visible way since their presence may serve to improve matters
- iii. Encourage Head Teachers to maintain and keep up to date School Travel Plans where they already exist
- iv. Ensure that when new schools are built thought is given to how increases in local traffic and the school population may impact on road safety in the future.

Recommendation

7 It is recommended that:

8 Cabinet considers the report and recommendations of the Road Safety Around Schools Review - which are set out in Appendix 1 to this report - and that an appropriate Cabinet Member attends a meeting of the Communities & the Environment Standing Committee within 2 months to provide a response.

Councillor Sue Saddington
Chair of the Communities & the Environment Standing Committee

Legal Services Comments (SG 16/06/2011)

It is appropriate for Cabinet to consider the content of this report. By virtue of paragraph 1.1.5 of the Delegation to Cabinet in Part 3 of the Constitution (Responsibility for Functions) Cabinet is to receive reports scrutinising the exercise of County Council functions from the Overview and Standing Committees, providing the proposals are consistent with the existing Budget and Policy Framework.

Comments of the Service Director (Finance)

There are no specific financial implications arising from the report.
(MB 17/06/11)

Background Papers:

nil

Electoral Divisions affected:

all.