

Cabinet 8 December 2020

Item 14 - COVID Emergency Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTN) – Interim Assessment

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

At its meeting on 3 December 2020, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on COVID Transport Measures. Most of the recommendations made relate to the decision Cabinet will be making tonight on the LTN interim assessment. The Chair of OSC will present the recommendations to Cabinet tonight (8 December 2020).

The recommendations were:

1. That the Local Development Plan Advisory Committee should include provision for allowing residents to construct cycle storage sheds in their front gardens as part of the Local Plan review.
2. That Cabinet considers contingency planning to divert traffic congestion when boundary roads are closed in emergencies.
3. That benchmarking data is considered for traffic levels across the borough, including in areas without LTNs, when a final decision is taken whether to retain the LTNs currently in place.
4. That residents be consulted more widely across the borough on transport issues to assist with identifying future schemes before funding is made available.
5. That clarity on the specifics of blue badge holder exemptions for LTNs be provided to the Committee.
6. Evidence of the benefits of the existing LTN schemes should be available before the Council introduces new schemes.
7. That baseline data is gathered for streets that new LTNs are proposed for to ensure that the Council are able to assess whether new LTNs have achieved their objectives.
8. That substantial revisions of schemes, and removal of them altogether, need to remain as options whenever LTN schemes are considered by Cabinet.
9. That Officers provide members of the Committee with more information about the new active travel quango, so that the national picture on active travel can be understood.