

Part A

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: Monday, 31 January 2022

Report author: Senior Democratic Services Officer

Title: Sustainable Transport Strategy Task Group Final Report

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report provides Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the final report and recommendations of the Sustainable Transport Strategy Task Group. The full report is attached as Appendix 1.

1.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to review the report prior to being forwarded to Cabinet.

2.0 Risks

2.1 No direct risks to the council have been identified as a result of the task group's recommendations.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 That the final report and recommendations of the Sustainable Transport Strategy Task Group be agreed and forwarded to Cabinet.

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Report approved by: Carol Chen, Group Head of Democracy and Governance

4.0 Detailed proposal

4.1 At its meeting on 21 October 2021, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a task group to feed in to the development of the Sustainable Transport Strategy.

4.2 At that meeting, the membership of the task group was agreed. The following councillors were appointed:

Councillor Amanda Grimston (Chair), Councillor for Meriden Ward
Councillor Simon Feldman, Councillor for Stanborough Ward
Councillor Tom Osborn, Councillor for Nascot Ward
Councillor Glen Saffery, Councillor for Woodside Ward
Councillor Dennis Watling, Councillor for Callowland Ward

4.3 The task group met virtually on four occasions in November and December 2021.

4.4 At the first meeting the terms of reference were approved where the task group agreed to focus on the following key areas of the strategy:

- **Neighbourhoods** including street traffic filters and mini transport hubs.
- **Active travel** including walking and cycling routes.
- **Car parking and car clubs** including how to encourage greener travel.
- **Travel schemes** including the HERT link and park and ride.
- **Community engagement** including reward schemes and engagement plans.
- **Monitoring** including the oversight of the implementation of the strategy.

4.5 During the course of the following meetings, the task group received presentations from Watford Borough Council and Hertfordshire County Council officers on the above areas and discussed the proposals contained within the draft strategy.

4.6 The Sustainable Transport Strategy will go to the meeting of Cabinet on 28 February 2022 and this report of the task group will be reviewed by Cabinet at the same meeting.

5.0 **Implications**

5.1 **Financial**

5.1.1 The Shared Director of Finance comments that there are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

5.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

5.2.1 The Group Head of Democracy and Governance comments that there are no legal implications in this report.

5.3 **Equalities, Human Rights and Data Protection**

5.3.1 There are no specific implications in this report.

5.4 **Staffing**

5.4.1 There are no staffing implications to this report.

5.5 **Accommodation**

5.5.1 There are no accommodation implications in this report.

5.6 **Community Safety/Crime and Disorder**

5.6.1 There are no community safety implications in this report.

5.7 **Sustainability**

5.7.1 Improving the sustainability of travel in Watford is the focus of this report.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Sustainable Transport Strategy Task Group report

Background papers

There are no specific background papers for this report. All background information used during the task group's work is referenced in the final report.