

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

31 January 2022

Present: Councillor Grimston (Chair)
Councillors Feldman, Hannon, Osborn and Turmaine

Officers: Executive Head of Corporate Strategy and Communications
Democratic Services Officer (OE)

65. Sustainable Transport Strategy Task Group Final Report

The Chair introduced the report to the committee. It was noted that:

- The strategy was a significant document for Watford for the next 20 years.
- The task group was an opportunity for members to feed into development of strategy.
- Key areas for recommendations were:
 - Prioritising addressing the number of short journeys taken by car.
 - Maintaining the focus on partnership with HCC and surrounding districts and looking to expand schemes such as the bike share scheme beyond the borough boundaries.
 - Working with businesses and other partners to improve access to areas in Watford which are more difficult without a car.
 - The need for ongoing engagement and listening to residents to enable them to travel more sustainably.
- If approved, the report would go to Cabinet on 28 February

The Chair invited questions from the committee. Councillor Osborn asked whether it was possible to note it was highly important to address the pressing need for EV charging infrastructure in the Sustainable Transport Strategy Task Group Final Report as well in the Electric Vehicles Report. The Democratic Services Officer agreed to refer the question to the Senior Democratic Services Officer for consideration.

Councillor Feldman suggested that there should be a note presented to Cabinet explaining that the Electric Vehicle Task Group report would be published and should be taken into consideration as well.

Councillors Feldman and Osborn and the Chair commended the team for the work done on the task group.

RESOLVED –

that the recommendations be agreed with a note to present to Cabinet.