

Report to Cabinet

22nd March 2018

By the Chief Executive

DECISION REQUIRED

Not Exempt



Cabinet Response to Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations

Executive Summary

The Traffic Around Primary Schools Task and Finish Group concluded its review on 14/12/17 by making a number of recommendations based on its Findings.

Recommendations

That the Cabinet is recommended:

- i) To approve the proposed responses to the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Reasons for Recommendations

- i) The Cabinet needs to provide a response to the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Background Papers

Final Report of the Traffic Around Primary Schools Task and Finish Group

Wards affected: All Wards.

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i. To request that West Sussex County Council implement Regulation 10 of The Civil Enforcement of Parking Contraventions (England) General Regulations (appendix 3).

Cabinet response: This work is already underway and WSCC are in the process of adopting Regulation 10. It has been agreed that we will work with WSCC and then implement Regulation 10 across the district. The start date for the use of Regulation 10 will be confirmed as soon as it is agreed.

ii. Recommend to Cabinet that enforcement officer presence is increased during peak times around schools, with a suggested target of visiting each school once per each half term. It is also suggested that the strength of the enforcement team be examined with a view towards increasing numbers.

Cabinet response: Officers will examine our ability to increase the enforcement presence during peak times at schools. Steps have already been taken to increase the amount of officer time available for enforcement. The council has recruited three new parking attendants. These posts will ensure more enforcement capacity.

iii. Recommend to Cabinet that Waste, Street Scene and Fleet team keep road markings around schools clear and visible, especially schools in rural areas.

Cabinet response: The council already ensures that road markings are swept. This includes around schools. Officers will revisit the schedule for the sweeping of road markings to ensure that they continue to be fit for purpose.

iv. That the Communications team to draft a press release/newsletter/magazine article to increase awareness/educate those that drop off and pick up students and place same article on social media sites

Cabinet response: We will ask WSCC and schools to participate in this education and awareness campaign.

v. That it is investigated, and if possible, to empower the neighbourhood wardens where possible to enforce traffic regulations.

Cabinet response: It should be noted that neighbourhood wardens already play an active role in resolving local traffic issues. Experience from existing warden schemes like the one in Pulborough

suggests that wardens can achieve significant results through education and awareness raising. The possibility of empowering neighbourhood wardens to enforce traffic regulations will be investigated.