

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 9 March 2017
Report of: Safer Parking for Communities Task and Finish Group
Subject/Title: Safer Parking for Communities around Schools Task and Finish Group Final Report
Portfolio Holder: Councillor P Bates

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report introduces the Safer Parking for Communities around Schools Task and Finish Groups final report on its findings, conclusions and recommendations following its review.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee receive the Task and Finish Group's Report (attached).
2.2 That the Committee approve the Task and Finish Group's recommendations, which are contained in the attached report.
2.3 That the Committee submit the final report to Cabinet for consideration.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to carry out this review at the request of the former Portfolio Holder for Communities. In Cheshire East around 34% of pupils are driven to school and inconsiderate parking is major issue for children, parents, residents, commuters and emergency services.
- 3.2 Parking outside schools is understandably an emotive issue for all concerned. During the review, it soon became apparent to the Task and Finish Group that one solution would not suit all locations and situations. For any scheme to be successful, all stakeholders would have to share responsibility and work together. Within the recommendations, the Task and Finish Group has therefore suggested several different solutions which could be used to help alleviate the problem.

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 All

6.0 Policy Implications

The policy implications are not known at this stage

7.0 Financial Implications

7.1 The financial implications are not known at this stage

8.0 Legal implications

8.1 The legal implications are not known at this stage.

9.0 Risk Management

Not known at this stage

10.0 Background

10.1 At its meeting on 15 November 2015, at the request of the former Portfolio Holder for Communities, the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to set up a Task and Finish Group on safer parking for communities around schools as:

- School traffic and parking was a major problem for the whole community
- Children were at risk
- There were issues with enforcement

To address these concerns, the Task and Finish Group agreed the following terms of reference for the review:

- To determine whether or not there is a problem with parking around schools.
- To identify what measures and schemes are currently in place and investigate best practice.
- Identify measures to ensure safer parking.
- To investigate the enforcement and education options.
- To understand the role of partner organisations.
- To alleviate the parking problems around schools.

- 10.2 The attached report documents the Task and Finish Group's findings, conclusions and recommendations to Cabinet.

11.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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