

**ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE****22 June 2017 at 7.30 pm**

**MEMBERS:** Councillor Jill Whitehead (Chair), Councillor Manuel Abellan (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Richard Marston, Steve Penneck, Nighat Piracha, Patrick McManus and Tony Shields

**ABSENT** Councillor(s) Adrian Davey, Paul Wingfield and Hanna Zuchowska

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The chair welcomed all those present.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATIONS OF SUBSTITUTES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Paul Wingfield, with Councillor Joyce Melican attending as substitute, Councillor Zuchowska with Councillor Reynolds attending as a substitute, and Councillor Davey.

**3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 30 March 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record by the Chair.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interest were made.

**5. SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY REVIEW**

Andrea Crump, Sustainability Manager, presented the report.

Members asked what influence the London Mayor's strategy would have on the Sutton Sustainability Strategy. The Chair and Strategic Director for Environment, Housing and Regeneration explained that the Mayor's Strategy had to be kept in consideration and Sutton's strategy needs to align with the Mayor's in order to apply for funding.

Members felt that One Planet Sutton was important in setting a green and long-term sustainable vision for Sutton. The task and finish group should also maintain a broad set of indicators when looking at One Planet Sutton.

Councillors Shields, Abellan, Marston and Whitehead volunteered as members for the task and finish group, and other members would be sought.

**RESOLVED:** that

1. The process and timetable for the Sustainability strategy review as set out within the report be approved
2. A member task and finish group be agreed to meet three times to discuss issues in more detail before proposals are brought back to Committee for decision as set out within this report.

## **6. SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

Keith Fraser, Principal Planner (Transport), presented the report. The first line of paragraph 5.2 of the report was corrected so that the word order of public transport and cycling was interchanged to show cycling at 2% and public transport at 16%.

Members asked what measures were being considered for Beddington Lane. Ian Price, Team Leader Strategy & Commissioning noted that a separate off road cycleway was being created, new pedestrian crossings, an access link to Beddington Park for walkers and cyclists, measures to improve bus reliability and better freight vehicle access to the Beddington industrial site, were all being looked into.

Members discussed s-buses, hail and ride, night buses, and the significant service they provide for school children and the elderly. The Chair said there would be continued discussions with TfL to champion those services.

It was also noted that there needed to be a focus on improving roads as a whole for all road users, including road safety. The Mayor's Healthy Streets policy sought to look at the needs of cyclists, pedestrians and other road users together.

Members queried what plans were in place to tackle crime and personal security on public transport. The Assistant Director for Safer and Stronger Communities explained that Safer Neighbourhood Teams do use public transport to travel around the borough and further information can be brought to the next meeting

In conclusion members discussed travel to school, and how to reduce the number of parents who took their children to school by car, including for short distances. The Assistant Director said work was being carried out to encourage schools to

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implement higher level gold standard travel plans, which encourage walking, cycling and use of public transport.

**RESOLVED:** that

- 1. The progress on the implementation of sustainable transport measures within the Sustainable Transport Strategy (STS) be noted.
- 2. Progress be reviewed in achieving targets set out in the STS and the monitoring of the targets on an annual basis be agreed.
- 3. Progress in implementing the cycle network and other initiatives as set out in the Borough’s Cycling Strategy be noted.

**7. ANY URGENT ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAIR**

There were no urgent items.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 14 September 2017.

The meeting ended at 8.16 pm

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