

Report Title	Requisition of Draft Sustainable Transport Strategy 2020-2025		
Meeting	Council		
Committee Date	23 November 2020		
Chair	Councillor Trish Fivey, Mayor of the London Borough of Sutton		
Report From	Stephen Gerrard, Interim Monitoring Officer		
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Ward(s) Affected	All Wards		
Ambitious for Sutton priorities	Being Active Citizens Making Informed Choices		
Open/Exempt	Open		
Signed		Date	12 November 2020

1. Summary

- 1.1. In accordance with procedure rule 23.4 (Requisitions), Council is asked to consider a requisition of recommendation 1.1 of the *Draft Sustainable Transport Strategy 2020-2025* report, namely to grant authority to publicly consult on the draft Sustainable Transport Strategy.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. To consider the requisition.

3. Background and Key Information

- 3.1. The requisition was submitted on 5 October 2020 by Councillor Tom Drummond, Councillor Catherine Gray, Councillor James McDermott-Hill, and Councillor Tony Shields. The requisition is set out at paragraphs 3.2 to 3.11:

- 3.2. "Request to requisition an item from Environment and Neighbourhood meeting of Thursday, 1st October, 2020 7.00 pm
- 3.3. Cllrs Shields, Gray, Drummond and McDermott-Hill express their wish to requisition to the next full Council, or to an appropriate committee, item 1.1 of Agenda Item 7 – Authority to Consult on the Draft Sustainable Transport Strategy Supplementary Planning Document.
- 3.4. We wish to requisition this item for the following reasons:
- 3.5. Consultation with residents and stakeholders is a key part of how the Council conducts its business. Past attempts at consultation on major issues affecting this committee and the borough as a whole such as the Parking Strategy as well as the Low Traffic Neighbourhood schemes have been handled in less than satisfactory way.
- 3.6. In agenda item 7, no mention was given to how Sutton Council was going to consult
- 3.7. residents across the borough. At the committee, councillors were being asked to vote and agree to something that they had not yet had sight of, could not comment on or offer constructive input to.
- 3.8. We therefore have serious reservations that once again residents will either not be fully informed about which policy the Council wants to enact or they will not be given a real choice to express their true views on the subject.
- 3.9. We are also concerned that little to no thought has been given by the Chair of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee as to how the Council will engage with its residents, especially with uncertainty around what will be possible due to covid, and is more concerned about pushing through a predetermined outcome in line with his own political preferences over that of the borough's residents.
- 3.10. The outcomes we are seeking are as follows:
- 3.11. A moratorium on the Sustainable Transport Strategy consultation process for a period of six months to allow a clearer picture of life and transport patterns, and for proper design of the consultation.
- 3.12. Within this six month period, opposition councillors and residents associations as well as appropriate stakeholders to have sight of the consultation document that will be received by residents, with the opportunity for all parties to amend and remove content as necessary, and consider the range of communications to maximise resident participation."

4. Process

- 4.1. The process for considering requisitions is for the relevant committee Chair to move the adoption of the minute of the decision that has been requisitioned, which members may then debate and vote upon.
- 4.2. The report considered by the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee is attached at Appendix A.
- 4.3. The appendix to the report considered by the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee is attached at Appendix B.
- 4.4. The draft minute of the item is attached at Appendix C.
- 4.5. Council can:
 - Confirm the draft minute of the decision of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee; or
 - Accept the actions requested by the requisitioners as set out in paragraphs 3.10 and 3.11.

5. The Report to the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee

- 5.1. A new Sustainable Transport Strategy was reported to the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee in order to update and consolidate various separate but related policies. The report recommended the committee's endorsement of the proposed consultation arrangements as set out in the Statement of Community Involvement.

6. Finance and Legal Commentary

Finance Comment

- 6.1. There are no additional finance comments to those included in the original report to the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee.

Financial Risks

None.

Legal Comment

- 6.2. There are no additional legal comments to those included in the original report to the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee.

Legal Risks

- 6.3. None.

7. Appendices and Background Documents

7.1. Appendices

Appendix Letter	Appendix Title
A	Draft Sustainable Transport Strategy 2020-2025 report to Environment and Neighbourhood Committee - 1 October 2020
B	Draft Sustainable Transport Strategy 2020-2025 appendix to Environment and Neighbourhood Committee - 1 October 2020
C	Draft resolution of the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee - 1 October 2020

7.2. Background Documents

Date of Expiry	Background Document
N/A	N/A

8. Audit Trail and Consultations

Consultees	Yes/No	Officer	Date of Comments
Finance	Yes	Richard Simpson Strategic Director of Resources	12/11/2020
Legal	Yes	Stephen Gerrard Interim Monitoring Officer	12/11/2020
Others	No	N/A	N/A
EQIA	No	N/A	N/A
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