

Cabinet Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Safety around Schools Task Group

Introduction

At the Cabinet meeting on 31st October, 2018 consideration was given to the report of the Safety Around Schools Task Group. The Leader welcomed Councillor C. Bloore, as Chairman of the Task Group, to the meeting and thanked him for being present to provide clarification on any matters raised by Cabinet Members. Councillor Bloore outlined the work which had been undertaken by the Task Group and thanked Members and officers for their contributions.

The Cabinet then discussed and considered each of the recommendations of the Task Group in detail.

Response to recommendations

Please find below responses to the recommendations contained within the scrutiny report:

Recommendation 1

That the details on the Council's website in respect of Parking Services be located in a more prominent position to encourage residents to report local parking concerns.

Cabinet Response

This recommendation was approved.

Discussions are underway with IT to include the contact details for Parking Services on the home page of the council's website.

This will be completed as soon as possible, certainly by the end of January 2019.

Recommendation 2

That Officers from Worcestershire County Council and this Council contact Solihull Council to look at the pilot exclusion zone scheme in order to consider it as an option in some areas within Bromsgrove district and report back any findings to Members.

Cabinet Response

This recommendation was approved.

(This recommendation has been sent to the relevant officers at WCC requesting that they take appropriate action in the first instance – to date a response has not been received and a further reminder will be sent to the relevant Officers shortly.)

Recommendation 3

That Officers investigate all options for using of mobile CCTV vehicles in Bromsgrove and report back the findings to Members.

Cabinet Response

This recommendation was approved.

We are working with Wychavon to find other authorities who use mobile CCTV and arrange to visit them to discuss how they use the technology and how effective it has been.

The results will be reported back to Members by the end of February 2019.

Recommendation 4

That Members are provided with the contact details of the local Safer Neighbourhood Team in order that this information can be shared with residents to enable local issues to be recorded and enforcement action to be prioritised accordingly.

Cabinet Response

This recommendation was approved.

The necessary arrangements are being made for this to be done.

Recommendation 5

That Parking Services and the Safer Neighbourhood Team discuss and jointly prioritise enforcement action.

Cabinet Response

This recommendation was approved.

Initial meetings to be held in January 2019.

Recommendation 6

That Worcestershire County Council Highways Team, together with representatives from the Safer Neighbourhood Team and Parking Services come together to discuss a joint campaign to address parking issues around schools and ongoing collective action on this matter

Cabinet Response

This recommendation was approved.

(This recommendation has been sent to the relevant officers at WCC requesting that they take appropriate action in the first instance – to date a response from WCC Officers has not been received and a further reminder will be sent out.)

Recommendation 7

The Officers investigate the option to employ an additional Parking Enforcement Officer whose role would be dedicated to looking at road safety around schools.

Cabinet Response

This recommendation was approved.

Wychavon will provide details including the likely cost of employing another Enforcement Officer.

Information to be provided to Members in February 2019.

The Leader and the Portfolio Holder thanked the Task Group Chairman and Members for their work in producing a very useful report.

Councillor P. Whittaker – Portfolio Holder for Community Services.