

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Sustainable modes of transport to school

Report to Cabinet

Date: 22.12.2020

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Children, Family Services & Education, Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport

Key Decision: (b) Y

Forward Plan ☒ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Mark with a Y if applicable)

Summary:

The current Stockport Sustainable Modes of School Travel Strategy only runs to the end of 2020. A review of the strategy has therefore been undertaken. The attached draft strategy 2020 to 2025 is the result of this review.

The review has supported the continuation of the previous strategy objectives:

Accessibility

- To improve accessibility to educational establishments and activities.
- Increase travel choice availability and flexibility for primary, secondary and 16 to 19 year old students.
- To address the changing way in which education is delivered, including before and after school clubs, and extended school hours and post 16 education.
- Meet the needs of all children including: those whose families are on benefits, families who do not have access to private transport, families with members who have disabilities which effect transport options and families based in rural areas.
- Provide training for pupils with disabilities to encourage independent travel.

Safety

- Improving road safety by provide an appropriate level of road safety and cycle training.
- Continue to implement infrastructure and design measures to improve road safety, especially around schools.
- To address and prevent anti-social behaviour linked to transportation.

Health

- Promote and encourage physically active and sustainable modes of travel such as walking and cycling and encouraging independent travel for all.

Environment

- Promote the use of sustainable transport modes to help reduce congestion and improve local air quality.

Education

- Link school travel plans and sustainable transport to the school curriculum to promote good habits later in life.
- Educate and inform parents, child and teachers about sustainable transport options and safety issues.
- Consult and work with pupils in the development and implementation of their School

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

“This strategy continues to meet the needs of Stockport’s children and young people by supporting their ability to access education while also providing opportunities to learn about safe independent travel and encouraging people to move to less polluting forms of transport. Therefore I support the adoption of the Strategy”

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

Cabinet Members are requested to comment on the draft strategy and approve its use as the Council Strategy for sustainable school travel promotion until 2025.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (e)

Children & Families

Background Papers (if report for publication): (f)

Contact person for accessing
background papers and discussing the report

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‘Urgent Business’: (g)

Yes/ No (Please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as ‘urgent business’ and the decision exempted from ‘call-in’ for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as ‘urgent business’ was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.
