

**SUSTAINABLE MODES OF TRANSPORT TO SCHOOL****Report of the Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive, Deputy Chief Executive****1. Introduction**

- 1.1. 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.

**2. Background**

- 2.1. The Council has a statutory duty under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to promote sustainable travel to school, in particular the promotion of sustainable travel and transport modes on the journey to, from, and between schools and other institutions where education or training is delivered. The latest government guidance regarding the act published in July 2014 has been used in the development of the draft strategy.
- 2.2. 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.
- 2.3. The review has supported the continuation of the previous objectives:
- 2.4. 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.
- 2.5. 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.
- 2.6. Health
- Promote and encourage physically active and sustainable modes of travel such as walking and cycling and encouraging independent travel for all.
- 2.7. Environment

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

2.8. 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 Travel Plan.

2.9. A Equality Impact Assessment has also been carried out. The new strategy does not change any of the current policies and processes regarding assistance regarding travel to school and continues to propose the support currently in place for schools to encourage active travel and improve road safety for their students. As such no new equality issues have been identified.

**3. Recommendation to Cabinet**

3.1. 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.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Mark Glynn / Sue Stevenson on Tel: 0161-474-3700/4351 or by email on [mark.glynn@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:mark.glynn@stockport.gov.uk)/ [sue.stevenson@stockport.uk](mailto:sue.stevenson@stockport.uk)