

**MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMY & REGENERATION SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 9 September 2021
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Oliver Johnstone (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Colin MacAlister (Vice-Chair); Councillors Grace Baynham, Becky Crawford, Will Dawson, Roy Driver, Steve Gribbon, Mike Hurleston and David Wilson.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meetings held on 17 June, 30 June and 13 July 2021 were approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. CALL-IN

There were no call-in items to consider.

4. GREATER MANCHESTER STREETS FOR ALL STRATEGY

The Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing a brief overview of the proposed Greater Manchester Streets for All Strategy that had been developed by Transport for Greater Manchester as part of the 2040 Greater Manchester Transport Strategy.

The Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration (Councillor David Meller) attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Although it was acknowledged that the document was aspirational, it was necessary to understand the practicalities in an area, for example an area with a lot of terraced housing.
- It was important that there was a consensus amongst members of the public on a proposal as some of the consultation exercises could be affected by special interest groups. There needed to be extensive public consultation and schemes needed the support of local residents.
- The benefits to the environment in the document were welcomed. Car sharing schemes should be examined further; the concept of 'shared spaces' should be examined further and road safety at school 'drop off' and 'pick up' times was an

important issue which continually needed to be addressed. A representative of the Corporate Director clarified that current Government guidance was that 'shared space' schemes should not be pursued at the current time as they caused accessibility issues, particularly for partially sighted people.

- Support was given to the safe space for pedestrians in the vicinity of Altrincham market and it was felt that this could be replicated in Stockport.
- The map about the Bee Network on Transport for Greater Manchester's (TfGM) website was clear, but an interactive map about the schemes would be even more helpful. The Cabinet Member agreed to pursue this with TfGM.
- A number of the proposals in the Active Neighbourhoods schemes were prescriptive, for example the use of planters to block roads.
- Parking on the pavements was a problem, particularly when young children were in a double buggy.
- Reference was made to the motion agreed at the last Council Meeting and the need to establish the Member working party to seek to implement a borough-wide 20 mph speed limit on residential roads.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

5. SCRUTINY REVIEW TOPIC SELECTION

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) invited the Scrutiny Committee to choose a topic for its next review and nominate Members to serve on the Review Panel.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Council Meeting be recommended to include 'Stockport's District Centres post Covid-19 Pandemic' within the 2021/22 Scrutiny Work Programme.

(2) That Councillors Colin MacAlister (Lead Councillor); Grace Baynham, Roy Driver, Steve Gribbon, Mike Hurlston and Oliver Johnstone be nominated to sit on the proposed Scrutiny Review Panel.

6. AGENDA PLANNING

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the planned agenda items for the Scrutiny Committee's next meeting and any Forward Plan items.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm