

Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee – 24 May 2016

Working Together to Address the Impact of Heavy Goods Vehicles on Roads in Staffordshire - Final Report

Recommendation

1. That the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee consider the final report of the Working Together to address the impact of Heavy Goods Vehicles on roads in Staffordshire, with a view to endorsing its submission to the Cabinet Member for Economy, Environment and Transport for Executive Response.

Report of Scrutiny and Support Manager

Summary

What is the Scrutiny and Performance Panel/Committee being asked to do and why?

2. The Working Together to Address the Impact of Heavy Goods Vehicles on Roads in Staffordshire Scrutiny Review is now complete and the Working Group have produced a final report containing various recommendations. The Committee are asked to consider the report and determine whether they endorse it for submission to Cabinet, for the provision of an Executive Response. In forwarding the report to Cabinet, the Committee are invited to consider if they wish to make any accompanying submission.

Report

Background

3. The review was prompted by the submission to Council in full Council of two petitions from residents in Yoxall and Kings Bromley demanding a weight restriction of 7.5 tonnes on the A515 and auxiliary roads between Stubby Lane, Draycott in the Clay through Yoxall and Kings Bromley to Wood End Lane. The matter was referred by full Council to the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee, as the relevant scrutiny committee of the Council, to consider the matter further. At its meeting on 24 July 2015 the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee agreed to undertake a review to investigate the impact of heavy goods vehicles on roads in Staffordshire, as part of its 2014-15 Work Programme. It was agreed to broaden the scope of the investigation beyond the specific issues in regard to the A515 by requesting that Staffordshire County Councillors submit evidence in regard to the impact of heavy goods vehicles on roads in their own areas. The Scrutiny Working Group's final report containing conclusions and recommendations arising from the review findings is appended. The Chairman of the Scrutiny Working Group, David Loades, will present the report to the Committee for their consideration.

Next Steps

4. Subject to the endorsement of the Committee, the final report, together with any accompanying submission that the Committee may wish make, will be submitted to Cabinet for the provision of an Executive Response to the conclusions and recommendations.

5. The Committee are reminded that if recommendations do not require any Cabinet decisions - in other words they can be dealt with through delegated decision making powers - then final reports are submitted to the relevant Cabinet portfolio holder and Corporate Director only.

6. In this instance, the Committee are advised to send a copy of their final report to those individuals who gave evidence or submitted evidence to the Inquiry Day.

7. **Link to Strategic Plan** - The service area which is the subject of the review is most closely aligned with the Right for Business and Great Place to Live priorities for 2016.

8. **Implications** - The equalities and legal; resource and value for money; risk; climate change and health implications are set out at the end of the attached report.

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Appendices/Background papers

Final Report of the Name of Working together to address the impact of Heavy Goods Vehicles on roads in Staffordshire Scrutiny Working Group – Final Report (appended)