

Scrutiny Overview Committee – School Gate Parking Working Group

Initiation Document

Working Group Name:	School Gate Parking Working Group
Committee:	Overview Scrutiny Committee
Municipal Year:	2022/23
Chair:	Cllr S. Samra
Lead Officers:	Kathryn Moreton – Head of Highways & Transport Jack Thompson & Nikki Gough – Democratic Services Officers
Membership	Cllr S.J. Cooper, Cllr A. Hicken, Cllr A. Nawaz, Cllr S. Samra
Co-opted Members	None

1. Context

- 1.1. At many locations across the borough, roads around schools experience a surge of traffic concentrated over a 50 minute period at school drop off and pick up times. This results in an increased risk of collisions with vulnerable road users and other motorists, unlawful parking, congestion and consequential impacts on air quality.
- 1.2. On 16th December 2021 Overview Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the council's approach to school gate parking. The committee resolved to establish a working group to consider the issue in greater detail. However, due to staffing constraints with Democratic Services the original working group could not continue. On the 16th June 2022 the Overview Scrutiny Committee agreed to restart the School Gate Parking Group.

2. Objectives

- 2.1. The working group wishes to
 - a. Review the current approach to school gate parking across the borough.
 - b. Understand the different approaches that could be taken to managing school gate parking, namely engineering, enforcement, outreach and collaborating with partners.
 - c. Understand the challenges when dealing with school gate parking with particular focus on the restrictions on the council's powers and influence.
 - d. Explore the development of a borough wide strategy that establishes a suite of options for the management of school gate parking.

3. Scope

- 3.1. The working group will consider the issue of parking in the immediate vicinity of school entrances and the actions and engagement of the following council led services:
 - a. Road Safety
 - b. Traffic Management
 - c. Parking
 - d. Education
 - e. Public Health
 - f. Community Protection
- 3.2. The working group will identify key points for the development of a borough wide school gate parking strategy.

4. Equalities Implications

- 4.1. The Equality Act 2010 protects children, young people and adults against discrimination, harassment and victimisation in relation to housing, education, clubs, the provision of services and work.

- 4.2. The public sector equality duty in Section 149 of the Equality Act requires public bodies, including local authorities and schools, to take active steps to eliminate discrimination and to do positive things to promote equality.
- 4.3. An Equality Impact Screening for the work of this group can be found at Appendix A.

5. Who else will contribute

- 5.1. In addition to lead officers and members contributions will be required from the following partners and stakeholders:
 - a. Education
 - b. Public Health
 - c. Community Protection
 - d. Children’s Services
 - e. Secondary Schools Forum
 - f. Primary Schools Forum
 - g. West Midlands Police
 - h. Transport for West Midlands

6. Timescale and Reporting Schedule

- 6.1. The following dates are based upon the need for the working group to be completed in the same municipal year:
 - a. Terms of Reference to be agreed virtually – 21 September 2022
 - b. Terms of Reference to be approved by Overview Scrutiny Committee – 4th October 2022
 - c. Final report – 16th March 2022 (to go to Cabinet 22nd March 2022)
- 6.2. If officer resource means that the dates provided cannot be fulfilled, a revised reporting schedule will be submitted to the Chair of Overview Scrutiny Committee for approval.

7. Risk Factors

- 7.1. The following table documents potential obstacles to the progress of the working group:

Risk	Likelihood	Mitigation
Input from officers will detract from service delivery.	Medium	Identify a manageable scope.
A lack of engagement from external partners.	Medium	Early engagement to provide the best opportunity to identify a mutually convenient time for input.

Appendix A – Equality Impact Screening

Title:	School gate parking working group	
Officer completing:	Kathryn Moreton	
Description of proposal and/or objective:	A members working group to consider the council's approach to the specific issue of school gate parking and explore the development of a borough wide strategy that establishes a suite of options for the management of school gate parking	
Screening Questions	Yes/No	Comments:
Could the impact of the report affect one group less or more favourably than another on the basis of:		
Age?	Yes	Improvements in school gate parking arrangements will be beneficial to children and young people attending the borough's schools both in respect to safety and air quality.
Disability?	Yes	Changes that improve the ease of access to school premises may be beneficial to children, young people and parents
Gender reassignment?	No	
Marriage or civil partnership?	No	
Pregnancy or maternity?	No	
Race?	No	
Religion or belief?	No	
Sex?	No	
Sexual orientation?	No	
If you have identified potential discrimination, are any exceptions valid, legal and/or justifiable?	Yes	The discrimination identified is positive in nature.
Is the impact likely to be negative?	No	
If yes, can it be avoided?	N/A	
Are there any alternatives that achieve the same objectives without the impact?	N/A	
Can the impact be reduced by taking a different action?	N/A	
If you have identified a potential discriminatory impact you will need to complete a full equality impact assessment.		
Is an EIA required:	No	