

Regeneration, Transport & Culture Scrutiny Panel Agenda

Place To Be Held Remotely

Date Thursday, 24 June 2021

Time 7:00 PM

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Councillors

Gary Parker (Chair)	Labour
Norman Adams	Labour
Clare Burke-McDonald	Labour
Ann-Marie Cousins	Labour
John Fahy	Labour
David Gardner	Labour
Aidan Smith	Labour
Matt Clare	Conservative
Charlie Davis	Conservative

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Agenda

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies from Members of the Committee.
- 2 Urgent business**
The Chair to announce any items of urgent business circulated separately from the main agenda.
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
Members to declare any personal and financial interests in items on the agenda. Attention is drawn to the Council's Constitution, the Council's Code of Conduct and associated advice.
- 4 Minutes**
To agree, as a true and accurate record, the Minutes of the meetings held on 4 March 2021.

No motion or discussion may take place upon the Minutes except as to their accuracy, and any question on this point will be determined by a majority of the Members of the body attending who were present when the matter in question was decided. Once confirmed, with or without amendment, the person presiding will sign the Minutes.
- 5 Woolwich Works Trust Update**
To receive a verbal update from the Chief Executive of Woolwich Works Trust.
- 6 Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) Update.**
To note the update on the delivery of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) in Royal Greenwich.
- 7 Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy Update.**
To note the update on the Council's current strategy for electric vehicles.

8 Commissioning of Future Reports

To note the work items that are scheduled to be presented to the meeting of the Regeneration, Transport and Culture Scrutiny Panel taking place on 12th July 2021.

Date of Issue
Wednesday, 16
June 2021

Debbie Warren
Chief Executive

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REGENERATION, TRANSPORT AND CULTURE SCRUTINY PANEL	
TITLE Declarations of Interests	ITEM NO 3
CHIEF OFFICER Chief Executive	

I. Decisions Required

The Panel is requested to:

- I.1 Note the list of Councillors' memberships (as Council appointed representatives) on outside bodies, joint committees and school governing bodies.
- I.2 Request that Members orally declare any personal or financial interests, including those detailed, in specific items listed on the agenda as they relate to matters under discussion.

2. Members' Interests

- 2.1 Appended to this report is a list of the outside bodies, joint committees and school governing bodies that each member of Council has been appointed to by the Council or the Leader. The list does not include bodies with which a Member is involved in a personal or private capacity.

Personal interests

- 2.2 A Member has a personal interest where any business is likely to affect:
 - (a) them, or
 - (b) a relevant person or a relevant body (where the Member is aware that they have the interest);

more than a majority of those in the ward you represent.

A **relevant person** is defined as the member's spouse or civil partner, a person who they are living with as husband and wife or as civil partners, or a person with whom they have a close association.¹

¹ See the guidance in Annex I of the Code of Conduct

A **relevant body** is defined as (a) any organisation, school governing body or outside committee or trust which they have been appointed to by the Royal Borough or by the Leader, or (b) any other voluntary organisation, school governing body or commercial organisation where you are a management committee member, school governor, trustee or director.

2.3 Members must declare the existence and nature of any personal interest at the start of the meeting, or when the interest becomes apparent. Members must say which item their interest relates to.

2.4 A Member who has a personal interest may stay, speak and vote, except where the business:

(a) affects the financial position of the Member or any person or body described in paragraph 2.2 above, or

(b) relates to an interest that would be affected financially or relates to the determining to any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the Member or any person or body described in paragraph 2.2 above

Financial Interests

2.5 A Member has a financial interest where any business relates to or is likely to affect an interest set out in paragraph 18 of the Code of Conduct, and which is the Member's interest or the interest of a person described in paragraph 2.2(a) above.

2.6 Members must declare the existence and nature of any financial interest at the start of the meeting, or when the interest becomes apparent. Members must say which item their interest relates to.

2.7 A Member who has a financial interest must leave the meeting, but may attend to make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the business, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, and provided they leave the meeting immediately after doing so. The Member must not participate in the discussion nor the vote.

General

- 2.8 The Code also requires Members to declare interests in relation to relevant bodies for six months after ceasing from being a member and take the appropriate action in relation to financial interests.

Background Papers

Agenda and Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council – 19th May 2021.

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Councillor	Organisation	Role	Governorship
Adams	Greenwich Dance Agency	Member	
Burke-McDonald	Shooters Hill Woodlands Working Party	Member	
Burke-McDonald	Woodlands Farm Trust		
Clare	Town Twinning Association Executive Committee	Member	
Davis	-		
Fahy	Greenwich Co-operative Development Agency	Member	
Fahy	Learning Disability Partnership	Member	
Gardner	Edmund Godson Charity	Member	Thorntree Primary School
Gardner	Walpole Estate Management Board	Member	
Gardner	Woolwich and Plumstead Relief in Sickness Fund	Member	
Parker	Charlton Triangle Homes	Member	
Parker	Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust	Member	
Smith, A	Greenwich Leisure Ltd - Libraries Board	Member	
Smith, A	Local Government Information Unit	Member	
Smith, A	Sir John Evelyn Charity	Member	
Smith, A	Twinkle Park Trust	Member	

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

REGENERATION TRANSPORT AND CULTURE SCRUTINY PANEL

THURSDAY, 4TH MARCH 2021 AT 7:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Members:

Councillor Gary Parker (Chair), Councillors Ann-Marie Cousins, Charlie Davis, David Gardner, Matt Clare, John Fahy and Aidan Smith.

Officers

Scrutiny Officer

Others in attendance

Councillor Sizwe James (Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport), Richard Gallagher (Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL)), Gary Starkey(GLL), Paul Drumm(GLL)

The Chair made introductions and advised that the meeting was being held under emergency regulations and that some of the Council's procedures have been amended accordingly. He also informed the Panel that a resident was present at the meeting to speak on the "Monitoring of speed restrictor replacement" item (Item 6).

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1 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Norman Adams

2 Urgent Business.

There was no urgent business.

3 Declaration of Interest.

Resolved -

That the list of Councillors' memberships as Council appointed representatives on outside bodies, joint committees and school governing bodies be noted.

4 Minutes

Resolved -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 24 September 2020 & 21 January 2021 be agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

5 Cabinet Member Update - Carbon Neutral Plan Update.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport gave summary of the councils Carbon Neutral Plan stating that there is a need to work together with stakeholders to explore opportunities to effect change.

In response to questions from the Panel, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport stated that the responses to ongoing consultation and resident engagement would be valuable in steering the approach on how to get more people interested in cycling. He further stated that there are plans, though not finalised, to subsidise bicycle purchases and maintenance within the borough.

He also stated that similarly, the priority areas and feasibility for heat pumps will also be steered by the responses from resident engagement. Furthermore, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport also stated that a budget of £150,000 has been provisioned for enabling retrofits.

In response to questions from the panel, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport stated that supporting residents and local businesses is a priority. He also stated that policies are made in line with the interest of the residents and that residents must be engaged in situations where they are against certain initiatives to give them better understanding and get them on board.

The Panel

Resolved –

That the Cabinet Member verbal update on the Carbon Neutral Plan be noted.

6 Cabinet Member Update - Monitoring of Speed Restrictor Replacements.

A resident of the borough shared with the Panel his experience with speed restrictor replacements and posed questions to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport.

In response to questions from the resident and Panel the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport assured the Panel that measures were in place to monitor unwarranted repairs and that the council has not been charged for any such repairs.

The Panel

Resolved –

That the Cabinet Member verbal update on the monitoring of speed restrictor replacements be noted.

7 Commissioned service provider monitoring – Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) – Impact of Covid-19 on services.

The Panel received a presentation from the Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) representatives. The presentation covered the gym and the library.

In response to questions from the Panel about Better Gym, Richard Gallagher admitted that the Greenwich One Card is not as popular as it should be. He highlighted some of the innovative ways which GLL has incorporated the Greenwich One Card into their service offering. Notably, the “Better At Home Digital Membership” which is free for all residents but only free if they sign up for a Greenwich One Card.

Richard Gallagher and Gary Starkey emphasised that they were openminded and flexible with their classes and welcomed suggestions from the Panel. They stated that outdoor classes were an interest and that local opportunities were being explored. They also assured the Panel that for indoor classes, modern equipment had been installed to tackle the spread of Covid-19. They further stated that they were expecting an 80% initial return post-covid. They expressed that they were optimistic that the business would recover from the effect of the pandemic.

In response to questions from the Panel about the Library, Paul Drumm stated that online resources and e-books have been expanded to make it easier for people to access material. He emphasised that they had received positive feedback from residents and further effort was being put into expanding the online resources and e-books. He also stated that the Library's Business Start Pproject has received funding which will support it until March 2022, however, they intend to maintain the service even after funding runs out.

The Panel

Resolved -

That the Commissioned service provider monitoring – Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) – Impact of Covid-19 on services update be noted.

The meeting closed at 9:00 pm.

REGENERATION, TRANSPORT AND CULTURE SCRUTINY PANEL	DATE 24 June 2021
TITLE Woolwich Works Trust Update	ITEM NO 5
CHIEF OFFICER Director of Communities & Environment	CABINET MEMBER Culture, Communities and Equalities

I. **Purpose of the Report**

The Panel is requested:

- I.1 To note the verbal update from Woolwich Works Trust.

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REGENERATION, TRANSPORT AND CULTURE SCRUTINY PANEL	DATE 24/6/2020	ITEM NO 6
TITLE Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) Update.	WARDS All	
CHIEF OFFICER Director Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills	CABINET MEMBER Environment, Sustainability & Transport	

1. Decision required

- 1.1. To note this update, on the delivery of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) in Royal Greenwich.

2. Links to the Royal Greenwich high level objectives

- 2.1. This report relates to the Council's agreed high-level objectives as follows:
- A Safer Greenwich
 - A Cleaner, Greener Greenwich
 - A Great Place to Be

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Panel with an update, on the delivery of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) in Royal Greenwich.

- 3.2. The section covers the following issues:

- What a Low Traffic Neighbourhoods is.
- Existing experimental Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.
- Low Traffic Neighbourhoods proposed in recent engagement.
- Next steps.

What is a Low Traffic Neighbourhoods?

- 3.3. Low traffic neighbourhoods (LTNs) are designed to stop motorised traffic taking shortcuts through residential roads by using barriers, sometimes called modal filters. These barriers can take a range of forms, such as planters, bollards or cameras. They can be temporary or permanent.

- 3.4. This prevents through traffic from using an area. This creates better walking and cycling routes, and can provide benefits to the local community.

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Residents and businesses can still access their homes and premises but may have to take a slightly longer route. A quieter, more attractive network of streets is opened-up in the LTN. This encourages people to travel on foot, by bicycle, by wheeling or by bus.

- 3.5. The concept of using modal filters to create Low Traffic Neighbourhoods is established in the Royal Borough's adopted third Local Implementation Plan for transport in 2019, which states (on Page 44):

“Rat Running and Modal Filters

“As a result of the traffic conditions described in the preceding paragraph, ‘rat running’ on residential streets affects many local communities in the Royal Borough. This can be challenging to resolve as fixing the issue in one street tends to push the issue onto neighbouring roads. Therefore, it is essential to take an area-based approach.

“We need to create quiet neighbourhood areas - where residents can get together and people choose to walk and cycle – by restricting access to motorised vehicles. This is usually achieved by stopping vehicles at a certain point on a residential street, so residents can gain access but through movements are not possible except by foot or bike (or in some cases public transport). We will introduce a programme through the LIP to create these quiet neighbourhood areas and address rat running. This will involve measures to understanding the opportunities, prioritise options and engage stakeholders.”

- 3.6. The adopted Local Implementation Plan set out a three-year indicative programme of investment for the period 2019/20 to 2021/22, utilising funding anticipated to be provided to the Royal Borough by Transport for London (TfL). To support the delivery of the measures described in Paragraph 4.4 the Local Implementation Plan allocated (increasing) funding to the delivery of modal filters between 2019 and 2022. This is shown in the extract below.

Royal Borough of Greenwich – TFL BOROUGH FUNDING 2019/20/2021/22	PROGRAMME BUDGET (figures are in £000's)		
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	Traffic Reduction		
Supporting the development of the car club network. Cost is mainly TMOs. Plus marketing and other campaigns to promote uptake of Car Clubs in the Borough, and supporting pilot e-car club work.	5	5	5
The Council is carrying out an extensive review of its Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) and introduction of some new zones. All of the above schemes have, or will be subject to a full consultation and approval process.	135	200	233
Modal filters : a programme to specifically address rat running by stopping vehicles at a certain point on a residential street, so residents can gain access but through movements are not possible except by foot or bike.	0	100	100
Total	140	305	338

FIGURE I: Extract from the Royal Borough’s Local Implementation Plan for transport (Page 81).

- 3.7. During 2020 the way the Council secured funding from TfL for transport investments was significantly affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Fares were the single largest source of TfL’s income (projected to be 47% in 2019/20). The pandemic significantly reduced income from fares [and?] other charges (such as road charging). TfL has secured a number of funding and financing packages with Central Government, to mitigate the impact of its revenue losses.
- 3.8. These funding packages included conditions that necessitated funding be allocated in different ways to the plan articulated in the Local Implementation Plan. Therefore, delivery of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods has progressed in a different way from the plan in Figure I.
- 3.9. One of the types of scheme for which funding could be secured was ‘Low Traffic Neighbourhoods’. The following sections describe progress to-date delivering and undertaking engagement on Low Traffic neighbourhoods with that funding.

Existing experimental Low Traffic Neighbourhoods

- 3.10. The Royal Borough bid for and secured funding for the West Greenwich Traffic Reduction (experimental) Scheme as part of the London Streetspace programme, which distributed the first phase of the funds described in Paragraph 4.6-4.7. Experimental measures were implemented in August 2020.
- 3.11. More information on the scheme can be found [here](#) on the Council’s website. A [report](#) to the Royal Borough’s Highways Committee, in respect of a petition made during public consultation on the scheme , provides further information on the scheme that may also be of interest.

- 3.12. The West Greenwich Low Traffic Neighbourhood was implemented using an Experimental Traffic Order. This means that public consultation occurs with the scheme in place. This allows people to provide feedback based on their actual experiences of the changes.
- 3.13. Now the consultation period has ended, we are currently analysing the responses, petitions and other data collected to create a report that will recommend if the measures should be made permanent, amended or removed. As well as people's comments we also consider:
- Traffic data
 - Road safety data
 - Air quality data
 - Feedback from emergency services
 - Equality Impact Assessments
 - Collision data before and after the trial
- 3.14. In line with the Council's Constitution, the decision will be taken by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport. It is anticipated that the Cabinet Member will first engage with the directly affected ward members, before making any decision.

Low Traffic Neighbourhoods proposed in recent engagement exercises

- 3.15. The Royal Borough secured further funding for Low Traffic Neighbourhoods from subsequent TfL funding settlements. As a result, proposals were developed for three more Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. These are listed below with links to webpages that provide more information on the schemes.
- [Westcombe Park and Maze Hill Low Traffic Neighbourhood](#)
 - [Woolwich Low Traffic Neighbourhood](#)
 - [Horn Park & Weigall Road Low Traffic Neighbourhood](#)
- 3.16. Now the consultation has closed, we are analysing the responses, petitions and other data collected to create a report that will recommend how these schemes should be progressed.
- 3.17. Again, in line with the Council's Constitution, the decision will be taken by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport and it is anticipated that the Cabinet Member will first engage with the directly affected ward members before making any decision

Next steps

- 3.18. During the consultation exercises described above a [statement](#) was made, by the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport, regarding low traffic neighbourhoods and cycle lanes. It noted the significant volume of responses received, including significant concerns about the proposals. It continued to assure residents and businesses that their responses were being heard and would inform decisions on the issue. It undertook to undertake further analysis and engagement.
- 3.19. Officers are currently completing the analysis of consultation results, and the further analysis and engagement. This will inform decisions on the Low Traffic Neighbourhood schemes described above.

4. Available Options

Option 1: To note this update.

- 4.1. To note this update, on the delivery of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) in Royal Greenwich and make any comments the Panel wishes for the Cabinet Member for Environment, Sustainability and Transport to consider in decision making on these schemes.

5. Preferred Option

- 5.1 The preferred option is Option 1: to note this update.

6. Reasons for Recommendations

- 6.1 Noting this update and making comments for the Cabinet Member to consider in decision making is in line with the statutory requirements of experimental traffic orders. It will allow the Panel's views to be appropriately considered alongside other information, when deciding how the Council should proceed with Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.

7. Consultation Results

- 7.1 The various and significant consultation exercises that have taken place to inform Low Traffic Neighbourhoods are described in Section 3.
- 7.2 Any further schemes brought forward will include appropriate public engagement in their development and decision making.

8. Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	Members are asked to note this report which provides the Panel with an update on the delivery of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs) in Royal Greenwich. No formal decision will be taken. As such, there are no legal implications arising directly from the report.	Eleanor Penn, Assistant Head of Legal Services, 11 th June 2021
Finance and other resources	There are no direct financial implications arising from this update report.	Kim Sullivan Head of Accountancy and Partnering Services 11 th June 2021
Equalities	This report is an update only. It proposes no decision or action, so has no impacts on equalities.	Ryan Bunce, Transport Strategy Manager, 7 th June 2020
Climate Change	This report is an update only. It proposes no decision or action, so has no impacts on equalities.	Ryan Bunce, Transport Strategy Manager, 7 th June 2020

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REGENERATION, TRANSPORT AND CULTURE SCRUTINY PANEL	DATE 24/6/2020	ITEM NO 7
TITLE Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy.	WARDS All	
CHIEF OFFICER Director Regeneration, Enterprise & Skills	CABINET MEMBER Environment, Sustainability & Transport	

1. Decision required

1.1. To note this update, on the Council’s current strategy for electric vehicles.

2. Links to the Royal Greenwich high level objectives

2.1. This report relates to the Council’s agreed high-level objectives as follows:

- Delivering Homes Through Economic Growth
- A Cleaner, Greener Greenwich
- Economic Prosperity for All
- A Great Place to Be

3. Introduction and Background

3.1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Panel with an update on the Council’s current strategy for electric vehicles and its progress in this area.

3.2. The section covers the following:

- Electric vehicles in RBG strategies.
- Existing electric vehicle infrastructure.
- Future electric vehicle activity.

Electric Vehicles in RBG strategies

3.3. The Royal Borough’s third **Local Implementation Plan** for transport was adopted in 2019. It includes the following on electric vehicles:

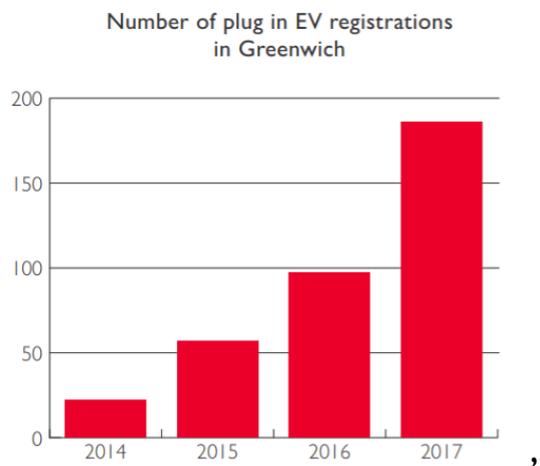
“Encouraging the uptake of cleaner fuels and vehicles

“As well as incentivising modal shift from private car use to walking and cycling, the Council is committed to encouraging the switch to ultra-low emission vehicles (such as electric) when vehicle use is absolutely necessary.

“Pure electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles reached record levels in 2017 in the UK and this was also the case for Greenwich. Whilst the number of plug-in Electric Vehicle in Royal Greenwich is relatively low compared to the total number of vehicle registrations, their growth on last year is significant - with almost double the number registered.

“This rate of growth was the fourth highest in London. Based on study for TfL by Element Energy and WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff, growth is set to continue. The study estimates there could be up to 6065 ultra-low emission vehicles in Royal Greenwich by 2025. The study states that a key barrier to electric vehicle take up is access to electric vehicle charging facilities.

“Figure 2.15: EV registrations in Greenwich (2014-2017)



3.4. The Local Implementation Plan also identifies the following as Delivery Plan Priorities, related to electric vehicles (Page 54).

- *“Encourage the switch to zero emission vehicles through the development of electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Over the life of the delivery plan, we will expand the network of Source London Points and rapid chargers, as well as trailing lamp post chargers.*
- *“In addition to the physical installation of technologies such as electric vehicle charge points; we are exploring and trialling Sustainable Energy Management Systems (SEMS) for the charging points. We are developing energy management systems which will help manage the district level energy grid to support future growth of EVCPs and other energy assets. We are exploring how SEMS can be used to mitigate any potential impact on the grid from the growth of EV charging points. The trial will include monitoring usage of charging points and using algorithms to curtail usage when the grid most under strain.”*

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- 3.5. The Royal Borough's **Local Plan Core Strategy** supports the provision of electric vehicle charging points in new developments:

“Policy IM(c) Parking Standards

“... The Royal Borough will ... seek the provision of electric charging points as part of any car parking provision, following the minimum standards set out in the London Plan...”

- 3.6. The Royal Borough declared a climate emergency in 2019 and agreed to set an ambitious target to reach net zero carbon emissions 20 years ahead of the national target. Following the development of an [evidence base report](#) and initial public engagement, a [draft Carbon Neutral Plan](#), has been produced and consulted on. Officers are completing the analysis of consultation results to inform a final strategy to be considered for adoption.
- 3.7. The draft Carbon Neutral Plan gives ultra-low emission vehicles (such as battery electric vehicles) a prominent role. It includes the following amongst its '2030 Ambitions for Transport':

“An acceleration in the uptake of zero emissions vehicles to put Greenwich 10 years ahead of Greater London's target.”

“The council's fleet is 100% zero emissions vehicles.”

- 3.8. To deliver these changes the transport section of the draft Carbon Neutral Plan identifies a number of actions related to electric vehicles. These are highlighted with yellow boxes in the extract below.

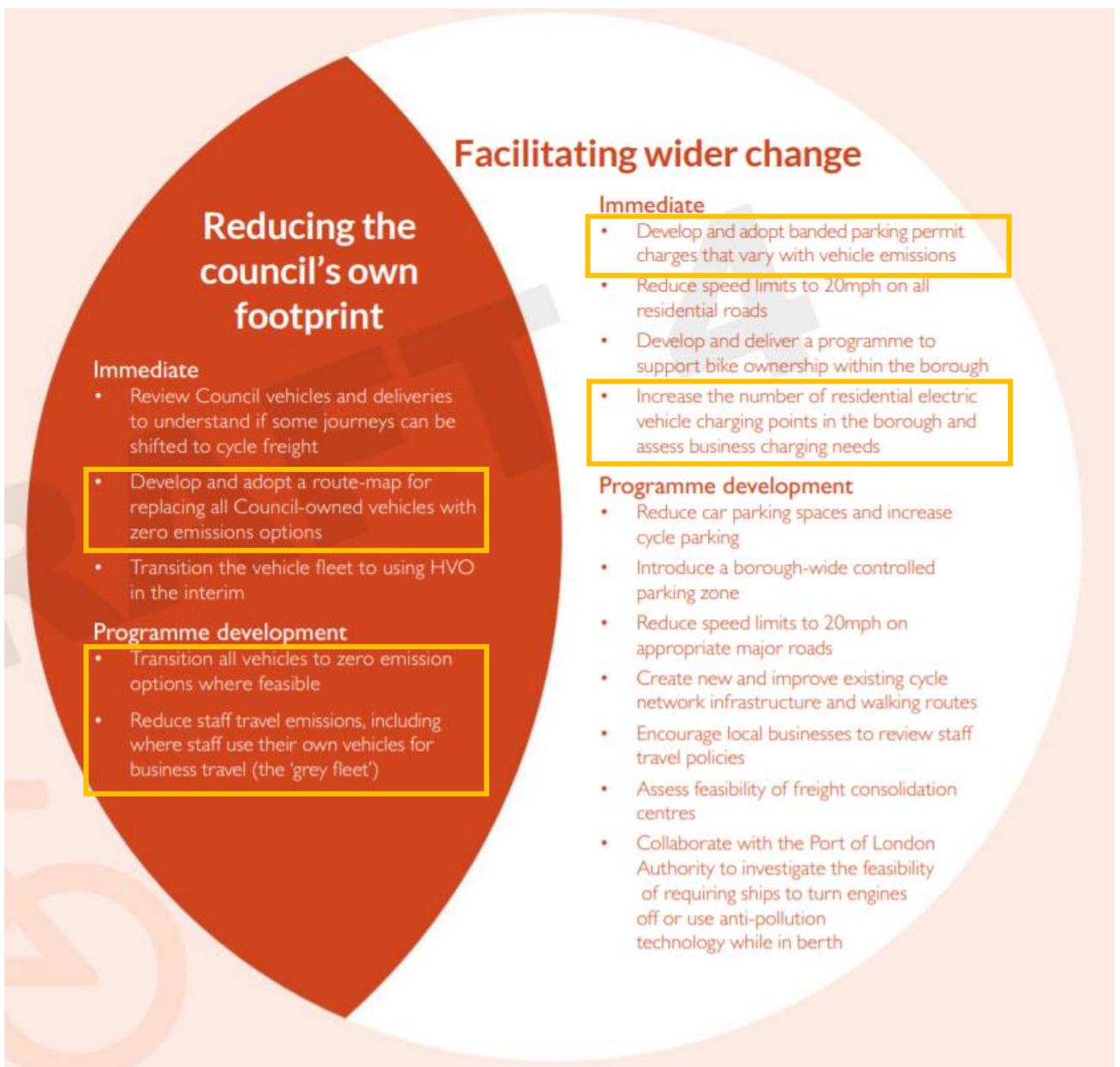


FIGURE I: Extract from the Royal Borough's draft Carbon Neutral Plan (Page 20). Yellow emphasis added.

Existing electric vehicle infrastructure.

- 3.9. There are around 176 publicly accessible charge points around Royal Greenwich. This includes charge points on the highway (installed by RGB, TfL and private operators) and publicly available charge points on private land. You can find out about the location, power, operators and costs of these chargers at <https://www.zap-map.com/live/>.
- 3.10. TfL's [EV Infrastructure Delivery Plan](#) and [progress report](#) provide a range of information on current provision (as well as future trends and other issues). The extract below provides a high-level picture of provision in Royal Greenwich in a London-wide context.

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Figure 8
Map of publicly accessible EV charge points in Greater London³⁷

- Slow Chargers
- Fast Chargers
- Rapid Chargers
- TLRN

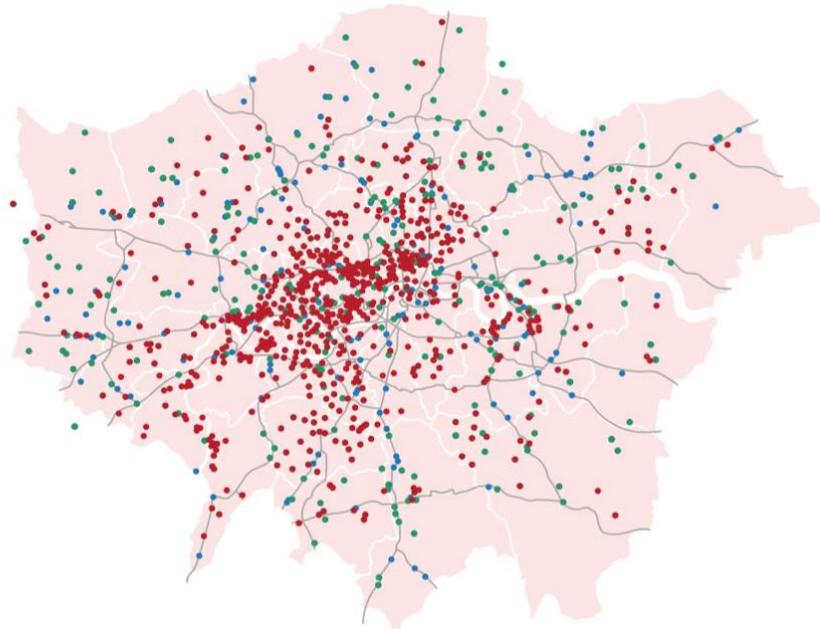
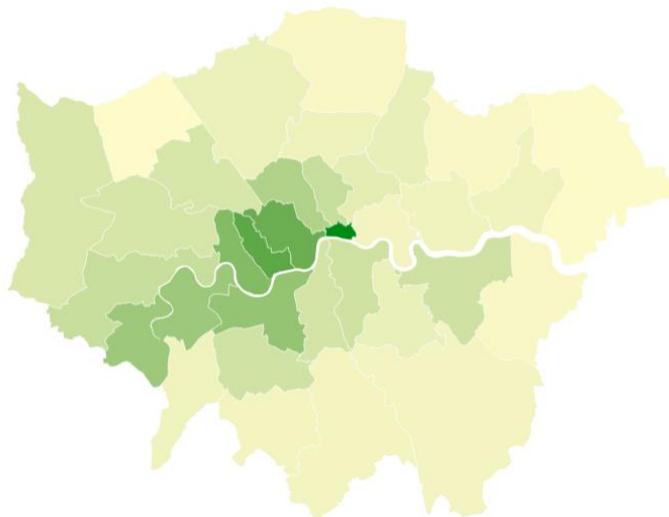


FIGURE 2: Extract from TfL’s EV Infrastructure Delivery Plan (Page 44).

3.11. Recent Department for Transport data showing numbers of chargers per 100,000 people, placed Royal Greenwich at eleventh in London, behind typically more central boroughs and relatively affluent west London boroughs. Figure 3 below visualises this data:

Electric Charging Vehicle Points in London per borough (Copy)

Chargers per 100,000 people
(January 2021)
6 360



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FIGURE 2: Electric vehicle chargers, per 100,000 people, by borough (based on [DfT data](#)).

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Future electric vehicle activity

- 3.12. Transport investment has been significantly affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Restrictions have affected the delivery of schemes, but financial and programme changes have also impacted on progress. Fares were the single largest source of TfL's income (projected to be 47% in 2019/20). The pandemic significantly reduced income from fares and other charges (such as road charging). TfL has secured a number of funding and financing packages with Central Government, to mitigate the impact of its revenue losses. Whilst funding for electric vehicle charging has fared relatively well in this period, the impact on borough (and TfL) programmes – which have been totally re-shaped - has significantly affected overall delivery, including of electric vehicle chargers.
- 3.13. Notwithstanding these issues, a number of activities have been ongoing and will contribute to electric vehicle infrastructure in the shorter-term future. These include:
- The Royal Borough is looking to expand its provision of lamppost chargers, where people need to charge vehicles on-street. We installed some of the first lamppost chargers last year and secured funding for around 60 more this year. Locations for the new chargers have already been identified and are being assessed for their technical suitability.
 - TfL is working to deliver eight new rapid chargers at one of the first 'hub' locations in London at Glass Yard (by Woolwich Ferry).
 - The Royal Borough's fleet included the first ever converted 26 tonne electric refuse vehicle, amongst 12 existing electric vehicles. A further 19 electric vehicles are currently being delivered.
 - The Fleet and Waste Strategy department have been working with DG Cities and Imperial College to understand how to electrify the whole fleet, and estimate the likely costs. This desktop study has now been completed and the process to appoint consultants is underway to develop a full business case for the electrification of the fleet parked at Birchmere Centre and the Oxleas Centre, as well as, satellite sites, budget allowing. The bid for funding is expected to take place in Autumn 2021.
- 3.14. If the Carbon Neutral Plan is adopted with the electric vehicle charging related elements described in Paragraphs 4.5-4.6 above, a significant increase

in activity to encourage electric vehicle usage would be required. These expanded activities would fall into three key areas:

- Understanding and planning for electric vehicle use.
- Delivering significantly more electric vehicle chargers and investing in electric vehicles.
- Creating incentives for electric vehicle use, such as parking charges that vary with vehicle emissions.

4. Available Options

Option 1: To note this update.

- 4.1. To note this update, on the Council's current strategy for electric vehicles, and make any comments the Panel wishes, to be considered in future activity in this area.

5. Preferred Option

- 5.1. The preferred option is Option 1: to note this update.

6. Reasons for Recommendations

- 6.1 Noting this update and making comments to be considered in future activity in this area will allow the Panel's views to be appropriately considered, alongside other information, when deciding how the Council's strategy on electric vehicles should develop.

7. Consultation Results

- 7.1 The strategy documents described in Section 3 are informed by appropriate consultation. Separate consultation also occurs as appropriate in the delivery of elements of electric vehicle infrastructure.
- 7.2 Any further strategy or schemes brought forward will include appropriate public engagement, in their development and decision making.

8. Cross-Cutting Issues and Implications

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	Members are asked to consider this report which provides the Panel with an update on the Council's current strategy for electric vehicles and its progress in this area. No formal decision will be taken. As such, there are no legal implications arising directly from the report.	Eleanor Penn, Assistant Head of Legal Services, 14 th June 2021
Finance and other resources	There are no direct financial implications arising from this update report.	Kim Sullivan Head of Accountancy and Partnering Services 11 th June 2021
Equalities	This report is an update only. It proposes no decision or action, so has no impacts on equalities.	Ryan Bunce, Transport Strategy Manager, 7th June 2020
Climate Change	This report is an update only. It proposes no decision or action, so has no impacts on equalities.	Ryan Bunce, Transport Strategy Manager, 7th June 2020

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REGENERATION, TRANSPORT AND CULTURE SCRUTINY PANEL	DATE 24/06/2021
TITLE Commissioning of Future Reports	ITEM NO 8
CHIEF OFFICER Director of Communities & Environment	CABINET MEMBER

1. **Purpose of the Report**

1.1 The Panel is asked to note the work items that are scheduled to be presented to the meeting of the Regeneration, Transport and Culture Scrutiny Panel taking place on 12th July 2021.

1.2 The Panel is asked to consider the scope of forthcoming reports and specify any detailed requirements.

2. **Background**

2.1 This report advises the Panel of items scheduled for its consideration for the municipal year 2021-2022.

3. **Report**

3.1 The Regeneration, Transport and Culture Scrutiny Panel is scheduled to receive the following reports at its meeting on 12th July 2021:

12th July 2021 (Meeting 2)	
Item	Scope/Theme
Greenwich Heritage Trust Update.	To receive a verbal update on the future of Greenwich Heritage Trust and the Borough archives.
Woolwich Works Update (Follow up report).	To note the report on the update of Woolwich Works.
Economic Strategy Update.	To receive a verbal update on the Economic Strategy of the borough.
Commissioning of Future Reports.	To agree the scope of reports for next Meeting.

- 3.2 The Panel is asked to consider the items outlined above, to determine any specific requirements, prior to those reports being commissioned. This will ensure that its lines of enquiry are addressed, information provided is relevant and appropriate, and scrutiny practice is well directed and effective.

Appendix

Regeneration Transport and Culture Scrutiny Panel Draft Programme 2021-2022

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**REGENERATION TRANSPORT AND CULTURE 2021/2022
DRAFT MEETING SCHEDULE**

MEETING	ITEMS	CHIEF OFFICER/MEMBERS
MEETING 1 Thursday 24th June 2021	<p>Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy – To review the Council’s current strategy.</p> <p>Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) Update – To receive an update report on LTN delivery in the borough.</p> <p>Woolwich Works Trust – Verbal update.</p> <p>Commissioning Future Report - Agree the scope of reports for next meeting.</p>	<p>Pippa Hack, DRES</p> <p>Pippa Hack, DRES</p> <p>Chief Executive, Woolwich Works</p> <p>Scrutiny officer</p>
MEETING 2 Monday 12th July 2021	<p>Greenwich Heritage Trust – To receive verbal update on the future of Greenwich Heritage Trust and the Borough archives.</p> <p>Woolwich Works Update - To note the report on the update of Woolwich Works.</p> <p>Economic Strategy Update - To receive a verbal update on the Economic Strategy of the borough.</p> <p>Commissioning Future Report - Agree the scope of reports for next meeting.</p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer, Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust</p> <p>Pippa Hack, DRES</p> <p>Pippa Hack, DRES</p> <p>Scrutiny Officer</p>
MEETING 3	Road Maintenance in the borough – to include three	Pippa Hack, DRES

<p>Thursday 30th September 2021</p>	<p>specific suggestions from members of the public but look at overall.</p> <p>Update: Living Streets Implementation – Time Limited Review.</p> <p>Carbon Neutral Plan - To receive a progress report on the Carbon Neutral Plan.</p> <p>Commissioning Future Report - Agree the scope of reports for next meeting.</p>	<p>Scrutiny Officer</p> <p>Pippa Hack, DRES</p> <p>Scrutiny Officer</p>
<p>MEETING 4 Thursday 28th October 2021</p>	<p>Transport provision in the borough – to include evidence from TfL, Network Rail, Southeastern Trains and Crossrail.</p> <p>Progress Report on Silver town Tunnel – To receive a progress report on the Silver Town Tunnel.</p> <p>Commissioning Future Report - Agree the scope of reports for next meeting.</p>	<p>Scrutiny Officer</p> <p>Scrutiny Officer</p> <p>Scrutiny Officer</p>
<p>MEETING 5 Thursday 9th December 2021</p>	<p>Economic Strategy Report - To receive an update report on the Economic Strategy of the borough.</p> <p>Living Streets Implementation – Time Limited Review.</p>	<p>Pippa Hack, DRES</p> <p>Scrutiny Officer</p>

	Commissioning Future Report - Agree the scope of reports for next meeting.	Scrutiny Officer
Thursday 10th February 2022 MEETING 6(FINAL)	Performance Monitoring – business critical indicators for the service. (report from Communities and Environment and DRES) Commissioning Future Report - Agree the scope of reports for next meeting.	Pippa Hack, DRES Scrutiny Officer

