

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE		
DATE:	15 JUNE 2016	AGENDA ITEM:	5(E)
TITLE:	PETITION FOR REVIEW OF ROAD SAFETY OF CEMETERY JUNCTION		
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report to the Sub-Committee the receipt of a petition asking the Council to commit to an urgent road safety review in the Cemetery Junction area.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Sub-Committee notes the report.
- 2.2 That the petition to review the road safety at Cemetery Junction is considered as a part of the Council's statutory duty to improve road safety and reduce casualties and report back to a future meeting of the Sub-committee.
- 2.3 That the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 Improving road safety through the reduction of casualties is a statutory duty of the council as highway authority.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 A petition from Reading residents asks that the Council commits to a safety review of the Cemetery Junction area contains 119 signatures.
- 4.2 The wording of the petition reads: *'There have been three deaths on the roads at Cemetery Junction since 2010. Recently there has been an overturned car and an incident resulting in a boy sustaining serious leg injuries. We want Reading Borough Council to commit to an urgent road safety review of the Cemetery Junction area'*.
- 4.3 Reading Borough Council has a statutory duty placed upon it, as highway authority, to improve road safety through the reduction of casualties. This is achieved by using accident statistic data supplied by Thames Valley Police.
- 4.4 The Sub-committee is asked to note the petition and officers will report back their response to a future meeting of the Sub-committee.
- 4.5 The lead petitioner will be informed of this decision accordingly.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 This proposal supports the aims and objectives of the Local Transport Plan and helps to deliver the following Corporate Plan Service Priorities:
- Keeping the town clean, green and active.
 - Providing infrastructure to support the economy.
 - Remaining financially sustainable to deliver these service priorities.

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION

- 6.1 The lead petitioner will be informed of the findings of the Sub-Committee.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None arising from this report.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 In addition to the Human Rights Act 1998 the Council is required to comply with the Equalities Act 2010. Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010 requires the Council to have due regard to the need to:-

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

8.2 The Council will carry out an equality impact assessment scoping exercise prior to submitting the update report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None arising from this report.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.