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Meeting	Business Management Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2012
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Pedestrian Safety, East Finchley Update Report</b>
Report of	Scrutiny Office
Summary	This report provides Members with an update on the holistic impact assessment of the East Finchley area.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	East Finchley
Enclosures	None
For decision by	Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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## **1. RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 **That the Committee consider the initial findings of the East Finchley Impact Assessment provided by officers from the Environment, Planning and Regeneration directorate and make appropriate comments/recommendations to the relevant Cabinet Member or officers (as appropriate) in respect of the issues raised.**

## **2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

- 2.1 Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012, Decision item 9, Pedestrian Safety, East Finchley

## **3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Panels and Task and Finish Groups must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's priorities.
- 3.2 The three priority outcomes set out in the 2012-13 Corporate Plan are: –
- Better services with less money
  - Sharing opportunities, sharing responsibilities
  - A successful London suburb

## **4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- 4.1 Failure to deal with petitions received from members of the public in a timely way and in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Constitution carries a reputational risk for the authority.

## **5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 5.1 Pursuant to the Equality Act 2010 ("the Act"), the council has a legislative duty to have 'due regard' to eliminating unlawful discrimination, advancing equality and fostering good relations in the contexts of age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy, and maternity, religion or belief and sexual orientation.
- 5.2 In addition to the Terms of Reference of the Committee, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, the role of the Committee is to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to:
- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness;  
and

- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.

## **6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 6.1 Any financial implications arising from the East Finchley Impact Assessment are expected to be contained within the Environment, Planning and Regeneration Budgets.

## **7. LEGAL ISSUES**

- 7.1 None.

## **8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS**

- 8.1 The scope of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.
- 8.2 The Terms of Reference of the Overview & Scrutiny Committees are set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Constitution).

## **9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 9.1 On the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012, the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a petition received by the Council in relation to Pedestrian Safety, East Finchley. The Lead Petitioner addressed the Committee regarding safety concerns for pedestrians using the route along Church Lane, High Road and Creighton Avenue in East Finchley.
- 9.2 The Committee requested that Officers from the Environment, Planning and Regeneration directorate carry out, in consultation with the Walk Safe N2 campaign group:
- an assessment of the impact the proposals identified in the petition could have upon the area, and
  - to consider any other safety measures which could lead to a solution to provide a safer environment.
- 9.3 Officers from the Environment, Planning and Regeneration directorate informed the Committee that a holistic impact assessment of the area had already commenced, which would consider crossing facilities, road junctions and other empirical evidence. The initial findings of this review would be reported to the Cabinet Member for the Environment at the end of March 2012.

- 9.4 The Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested that a report be provided at its meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012 on the findings of the impact assessment of the East Finchley area.
- 9.5 Officers from the Environment, Planning and Regeneration directorate will attend the meeting and provide to the Committee a verbal update.
- 9.6 The Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to comment and make recommendations in respect of the information provided at the meeting.

## **10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 10.1 None

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