

**Council: Tuesday, 6 November 2012**

**Non-Executive Business Item:** Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

Road safety strategy in Barnet

Council notes that Barnet has the second highest number of casualties from road traffic accidents in London, with 1,382 casualties last year – although there has been a reduction compared with the year before.

Council notes the recent call by local residents and councillors at Resident's Forums and Area Environment Sub Committees for road safety measures in numerous locations in Barnet, but that the administration does not appear to have any overall strategy for road safety across the Borough that is properly thought through and resourced.

In particular, Council notes that the Road Safety TFG has only met once so far, that no borough wide assessment of road safety has been done, and that no consistent system is in place for prioritising and agreeing what schemes are required and in which locations – which has led to some schemes being pursued against residents' wishes (eg Russell Lane).

Council calls on Cabinet to allocate enough resources to allow the Road Safety TFG to complete its work as soon as possible. Nevertheless, Cabinet should produce a Borough Road Safety Strategy, which also needs to be properly resourced, as a matter of urgency.

Council also notes that later this month Road Safety Week will be taking place, and asks Cabinet to advise what they will be doing for this event to publicise road safety in Barnet.

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.