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Subject: RE: Key Delegated Decisions - 39175 - Proposed Scheme to Permit Hackney Carriage use of Bus Lanes - Capital Scheme Number 16532-000-000

Dear Peter

Further to my earlier messages, and my earlier reference to the Leeds Health Profile there is just one additional piece of supporting evidence that I would like the Scrutiny Board to consider at the "call-in" hearing. This is the guidance issued by the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence in May 2012, available at

<http://pathways.nice.org.uk/pathways/physical-activity/local-strategy-policy-and-commissioning-for-physical-activity#content=view-node%3Anodes-transport>

I quote from the NICE document:

"What action should be taken?

- Ensure local transport and school travel plans continue to be fully aligned with other local authority plans which may impact on children and young people's physical activity. Liaise with local partnerships to achieve this.
- Ensure local transport plans continue to be developed in conjunction with local authority departments and other agencies that provide spaces and facilities for children and young people to be physically active.
- Ensure local transport plans acknowledge any potential impact on opportunities for children and young people to be physically active. Transport plans should aim to increase the number of children and young people who regularly walk, cycle and use other modes of physically active travel. They should make provision for the additional needs of, or support required by, children, young people and their parents or carers with a disability or impaired mobility.
- Continue working with schools to develop, implement and promote school travel plans. This may, for example, include: mapping safe routes to school; organising walk and bike to school days and walking buses; organising cycle and road safety training; and helping children to be 'streetwise'.
- Identify any aspect of transport policies which discourages children and young people from using modes of travel involving physical activity (such as walking or cycling). For example, policies that aim to keep traffic moving may make it difficult to cross the road. Consider how these policies can be improved to encourage physically active travel."

This is the "gold standard" professional advice to Local Authorities who aim to fulfil their Public Health responsibilities. I am aware of even clearer NICE advice at a late stage of preparation, but this material is embargoed until 24 July 2012, so I am happy to run with this already published guidance. As far as I can tell, this important and highly relevant advice has not been considered or acted upon by the Decision Maker. The decision is therefore flawed and should be called in for reconsideration with all material evidence in place.

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