

# Inquiry Finalisation: Prevention of Deaths and Serious Injuries on our Roads

Date: 6 April 2022

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure, Investment & Inclusive Growth)

Will the decision be open for call in?  Yes  No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?  Yes  No

## What is this report about?

### Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- The Scrutiny Board (Infrastructure, Investment and Inclusive Growth) has had a longstanding interest in the ways in which partners work to prevent deaths and serious injuries on the road.
- Consideration of this matter has traditionally taken place as part of the Board's annual performance monitoring activity. However, the Scrutiny Board agreed to conduct a dedicated inquiry into this policy area following the reinstatement of 'in person' meetings post-pandemic.
- Meetings in September and October 2021 considered evidence from a range of stakeholders. The conclusions and recommendations that emerged from those sessions was summarised in a draft inquiry report. However, members requested that further time be made available within the Scrutiny Board's schedule of public meetings to further examine several issues before the inquiry report is finalised
- It should be noted that in January 2022 the Scrutiny Board provided the interim draft inquiry report to the Executive Board to support a proposal for Leeds City Council to adopt a Vision Zero approach to road safety.
- The areas identified for further discussion were:
  - **School crossing patrols:** understanding the process and criteria used to assess applications, and to consider whether there are options to provide alternative support/interventions where a school application is not successful.
  - **Pedestrian Crossing Criteria:** to understand the extent of local control over the criteria used to assess potential crossings and the use of new technology to be more responsive to pedestrian demand
  - **School streets:** To receive an update on the pilot scheme, challenges, and future opportunities.

## Recommendations

Members are asked to consider the appended information, and advice provided within the meeting, to determine whether further recommendations should be included in the inquiry report.

### Why is the proposal being put forward?

1. Members requested that consideration be given to the additional policy areas identified above to finalise the recommendations of their inquiry into the prevention of deaths and serious injuries on the roads.

**Wards affected: All**

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

### What impact will this proposal have?

2. The conclusions and recommendations of the Board will be reflected in the final inquiry report, which will be put to the successor board for formal approval in June 2022.

### What consultation and engagement has taken place?

3. Members of the Scrutiny Board have sought the views of a wide range of stakeholders, as summarised in the draft interim inquiry report.

### What are the resource implications?

4. The report does not have any specific resource implications.

### What are the legal implications?

5. This report has no specific legal implications.

### What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

6. There are no risk management implications relevant to this report.

### Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth

Health and Wellbeing

Climate Emergency

7. The inquiry has given due consideration to matters that are reflective of the Council's three key pillars. The Scrutiny Board's recommendations to date have been set within the context of the recently adopted Best City Ambition.

## Appendices

8. Appendix 1 – School Crossing Patrol Guidelines (2018)
9. Appendix 2 A-C – School Crossings Surveys
10. Appendix 3 – Traffic Signal Operation Report (February 2021)
11. Appendix 4 – 2019 Scrutiny Report Pedestrian Crossing Review
12. Appendix 5 - Pedestrian Crossing Framework
13. Appendix 6 – School Streets Trial Phase 2 Recommendation Report
14. Appendix 7 – School Streets Trial report appendices
15. Appendix 8 – School Streets Trial Local Plans

## Background papers

16. None.