

Croydon Advisory Forum on Active, Sustainable and Accessible Transport

Meeting held on Tuesday, 30 April 2024 at 6.30 pm in Room 1.23, Bernard Weatherill House

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Scott Roche (Chair);
Councillor Lara Fish and Christopher Herman

Also Present: John Rapp, East Surrey Transport Committee
Andy Beddington, Cycle UK
Obiyele Abiodun, Croydon Vision
Susan Underhill, Age UK
Karen Ip, Age UK
Danny Creevy, Arriva
Yusuf Osman, Resident Voice Group
Peter Bolingbrooke, Croydon Ramblers
Marcus Boyle, Croydon Living Streets
Isabelle Clement, Wheels for wellbeing
Adrian Douglas, Mott Macdonald engineering
Angus Hewlitt, Croydon Cycling Campaign
Karen Agbabiaka, Director of Streets and Environment
Abu Barkatoolah, Project Manager Healthy Neighborhoods
Heather Cheesbrough, Director of Strategic Planning & Sustainable Regeneration
Dominic Millen, Interim Head of Strategic Transport
Tom Sweeney, Programme Manager
Stephen Wojcik, Programme Manager
Adrian May, Interim Head of Democratic Services & Scrutiny
Stephanie Abbey, Trainee Democratic Services and Governance Officer

PART A

10 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from:

Charles King MBE, Chair East Surrey Transport Committee
Richard Plant, Develop Croydon
Lee Pillbeam, Transport for London
Susan Mansour, Chief Executive Croydon Vision
Roy Endersby, Croydon Ramblers
Jonathan Baggs, Lead – South Local Communities & Partnerships
Sarah Varnham, South Local Communities & Partnerships

11 **Disclosure of interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

12 **Welcome and Introductions**

Members of the forum introduced themselves and the organisations they represented.

13 **Previous Meeting Notes (including progress with actions)**

The minutes of the meeting on 14 December 2023 were approved as an accurate record.

14 **Local Implementation Plan Programme - To Follow**

Dominic Millen, Interim Head of Strategic Transport, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the contents of the current TfL funded Local Implementation Plan programme.

It was agreed that the presentation would be shared after the meeting.

In the discussion that followed it was noted:

- The provision of SEN transport is a significant budgetary pressure given increased demand.
- There were a number of queries about cycle parking which can be covered at a future meeting.
- The cycle training allocation has reduced from previous years and the Council is looking at whether other funding sources can be used to top this up.
- Blue Badge parking enforcement is a priority in the Council's Parking Strategy.
- Officers will need to look at resourcing for school travel plans, potentially as a supporting measure for healthy school streets.

15 **Reconnected Croydon Levelling Up Fund Programme - To Follow**

Dominic Millen gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Reconnected Croydon Levelling Up Fund programme.

It was agreed that the presentation would be shared after the meeting.

From the discussion that followed it was noted:

- The resolution of the issues caused by subways would be a welcome outcome.

- Forum members would like to be involved in the engagement on schemes so that they can use their experiences to make sure they are accessible and safe.
- Requests for additional bus stops would need to be considered in the light of tight delivery timescales.

16 **Healthy Neighbourhoods - To Follow**

Abu Barkatoolah, the Project Manager for healthy neighbourhoods, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Healthy Neighbourhoods projects.

It was noted that an approach to identifying and delivering healthy school streets is being developed.

There was a general point raised about cyclist safety when cars pass too close and it was noted that there has been a national campaign about this. Croydon could potentially promote this if it takes place again.

17 **Electric Vehicle Action Plan - Verbal Update**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

18 **Trams Procurement - Verbal Update**

Dominic Millen provided an update about the progress of the procurement project.

It was agreed that the presentation would be shared after the meeting.

In terms of the fleet specification, provision for cycles and mobility aids could be improved.

There was also a point raised about the perception of personal safety on the Tram network, particularly at more remote locations.

19 **Possible Items of Interest for Next Meeting - Verbal / Discussion Update**

For future meetings topics arising included:

- Approach to setting speed limits and related enforcement.
- Cycle parking and training.
- Electric vehicle charging.
- Identifying and delivering healthy school streets.

20 **Any Other Business**

Questions Submitted Ahead of the Meeting – The Chair noted that previously submitted questions would be responded to in due course where they have not been addressed via other correspondence routes. Going forward the intention is for questions relating to the agenda items to be taken at the meeting.