

Birmingham City Council

Report to Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee

26 June 2025



Title:	PROGRESS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ROAD SAFETY SCRUTINY INQUIRY RECOMMENDATIONS
Lead Member:	Councillor Majid Mahmood, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:	Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Has this report been shared with the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair?	Not Applicable
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Is this a Key Decision?	Not Applicable
Reason(s) why not included on the Forward Plan and confirm who has authorised it to be considered:	Not Applicable
Is this a Late Report?	No
Reason(s) why Late and confirm who has authorised it to be considered:	Not Applicable
Is this decision eligible for 'call in?'	No
If 'call-in' has been dis-applied, please provide reason(s) and confirm who has authorised:	Not Applicable

Wards: All

Does this report contain exempt or confidential information?

No

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the progression of the recommendations from the Road Safety Scrutiny Inquiry.
- 1.2 The key question the Inquiry Task and Finish Group asked was: “How can the Council deliver better road safety outcomes while also meeting its budget challenges and moving towards financial recovery?”
- 1.3 The Cabinet Member’s assessment and a progress update has been provided against each recommendation as set out in Appendix A.

2 COMMISSIONERS’ REVIEW

- 2.1 Commissioners have no observations on the report.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 3.1 Considers the progress against the recommendations and agrees the Cabinet Member’s assessment of their status.
- 3.2 Notes that a further Inquiry tracking report reporting progress on open recommendations will be provided in December 2025.

4 KEY INFORMATION

Context

- 4.1 The Road Harm Reduction Strategy holds the ambition to end death and serious injury for users of Birmingham’s roads. It sets out a bold approach to transform the city’s roads and streets to make them safer, more inclusive, and more attractive. It was adopted by Cabinet in March 2025.
- 4.2 The strategy complements the existing Birmingham Transport Plan, which sets out the vision and key principles for transport in Birmingham. It seeks to transform the city’s transport system to meet a range of challenges.
- 4.3 The strategy has also been published with an action plan, setting out how the Council, with its partners, will work together to reduce road harm risk.
- 4.4 Birmingham City Council is therefore committed to tackling road harm and is delivering on the strategies and plans that will make our streets safer.
- 4.5 The Sustainability and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee decided to undertake an Inquiry into Road Safety on 20 July 2023.

- 4.6 The Inquiry looked at the following outcomes:
Outcome 1: Safer roads for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
Outcome 2: Service transformation for Highways.
Outcome 3: Contribute towards the Council's financial recovery programme.
Outcome 4: Build trust and confidence in Birmingham citizens to effectively address road safety issues.
- 4.7 The City Council approved the recommendations R01 to R16 on 3 December 2024.
- 4.8 This report is in response to recommendation R16, requesting a progress update at the 6-month mark.

Proposal and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.9 It is proposed that R02, R03, R04, R05, R06, R07, R09, R11, R12, R13, R14 and R16 are closed.
- 4.10 It is proposed that R01, R08, R10 and R15 remain open or are ongoing.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 Not Applicable.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Not Applicable.

7 MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

Ward Councillor(s)

- 7.1 Not Applicable.

Overview and Scrutiny

- 7.2 Not Applicable.

Other

8 IMPACT AND IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Best Value

- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this information only report.

Legal

- 8.2 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations in this information only report.
- 8.3 The Council have a duty under Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to prepare and carry out a programme of measures designed to promote road safety. They also have a duty under that section to carry out studies into accidents arising out of the use of vehicles and to take measures in the light of those studies as appear to the Council to be appropriate to prevent such accidents including the dissemination of information and advice relating to the use of roads, the giving of practical training to road users or any class or description of road users, the construction, improvement, maintenance or repair of roads for the maintenance [of which they are responsible] and other measures taken in the exercise of their powers for controlling, protecting or assisting the movement of traffic on roads. The Council also have a further duty under that section in constructing new roads, to take such measures as appear to the Council to be appropriate to reduce the possibilities of such accidents when the roads come into use.

Equalities

- 8.4 There are no direct equalities implications directly arising from the recommendations in this information only report. Equality impact assessments will be undertaken in relation to specific recommendations and schemes as they are progressed, and as appropriate.

Procurement

- 8.5 There are no direct procurement implications arising from this information only report.

People Services

- 8.6 There are no direct staffing implications arising from the recommendations in this information only report.

Climate Change, Nature and Net Zero

- 8.7 There are no direct climate change, nature and net zero carbon implications arising directly from the recommendations in this information only report. However, the delivery of projects supporting Road Harm Reduction will contribute to positive contributions to these agendas.

Corporate Parenting

- 8.8 There are no direct corporate parenting implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Other

8.9 Not Applicable.

9 APPENDICES

9.1 Appendix A – Progress Update on the Recommendations of the Road Safety Inquiry

10 BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 [Scrutiny Inquiry – Road Safety, January 2025](#)