

		Report for: Action
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Title	Transport and Highways: Adoption of the Travel in Ealing (TIE) Charter and the Transport Programme Data Strategy	
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Purpose of Report:

This report sets out the proposals and seeks approval for:

After a significant period of engagement and consultation with local people, businesses and stakeholders, this report formally adopts the Travel in Ealing Charter, which will allow us to deliver successful and sustainable co-designed active travel and transport solutions based on the principles of an open, transparent and inclusive dialogue with local people, grounded in the evidence of need and of what works, as outlined in the accompanying Transport Programme Data Strategy.

1. Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 1.1 Approve the adoption of the Travel in Ealing (TIE) Charter (at Appendix 1) and the Transport Programme Data Strategy (at Appendix 2).

2. Background/Context

- 2.1 As set out in the draft Travel in Ealing (TIE) Charter, the Council is determined to shape Ealing for the better and tackle the big challenges we know we face in the years ahead, like the climate emergency and the growing inequalities that hold too many people

back from leading happy and healthy lives.

- 2.2 The Council is committed to being open, transparent, and inclusive. However, historically this hasn't always been achieved and we are being honest about our mistakes. We've listened and learned and are committed to improving how we engage with local people, including on transport and active travel projects. Engagement has been comprehensive including online surveys and face to face consultation to ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to contribute to considerations. We've worked with residents and stakeholders from across the Borough to produce the Travel in Ealing Charter, and to reset our relationship so we can move forward together.
- 2.3 The TIE Charter is the means by which this new approach to engagement will be delivered and was itself developed through an extensive engagement process. The TIE Charter - Engagement Report, March 2023 (which is contained in Appendix 3) sets out that process, with the following chapters covering each of the following six consecutive engagement stages. Together, the different stages of engagement that have been undertaken in developing the TIE Charter have revealed the key issues that need to be addressed in relation to future engagement on transport and related projects and initiatives in the borough.
- 2.4 The Council has developed a Transport Programme Data Strategy that defines the processes, technology, and rules required to manage data collection and respond to residents and stakeholders in a transparent way. At its core are the Transport Strategy and the Travel in Ealing Charter, which together lay out our goals, our guiding principles and our new approach to engagement. These provide the foundation for each scheme, which is then informed in more detail by resident requests, our own data, and plans for specific schemes.

3. Key Implications

- 3.1 The purpose of the TIE Charter is to improve engagement and also set the expectation of what residents and stakeholders can expect the Council to do with respect to transport, highways and parking schemes. The key implication, is for future consultations on transport, highways and parking strategies, schemes and projects to enable an open, transparent and constructive approach to ensure meaningful, engaging, sincere conversations with residents, businesses and stakeholders.
- 3.2 Following the completion of the TIE Charter - Engagement Report, March 2023 (which is contained in Appendix 3) the TIE Charter has been updated in the light of comments received to date and will be published following adoption of the TIE Charter.
- 3.3 The TIE Charter is considered a working document that will be kept under review and updated from time to time in the light of experience, comments received and to ensure meaningful, engaging, sincere conversations with residents, businesses, and stakeholders. A Code of Practice providing guidance to Council officers in ensuring the TIE Charter commitments are met will be adopted and published.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The TIE Charter will be applied to all schemes within the Council's Transport and Highways programme, approved by Cabinet in March 2023.

- 4.2 Costs of staff time, engagement and consultation are already contained within the budget for each individual scheme, therefore, there is not considered to be any significant additional impact on budgets as a result of adopting the TIE Charter. Should any additional resource be required, this will be managed within the existing approved revenue and capital budgets across Highways and Transport services.

5. Legal

- 5.1 The Council has a number of different powers under which it can introduce traffic and highways schemes including in particular the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and each has its own statutory consultation process which will be unaffected but supplemented by the TIE Charter. The TIE Charter will in effect provide for an additional non-statutory consultation process.
- 5.2 Where schemes are introduced by exercising powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 by virtue of section 122 of the Act the Council must exercise such functions to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway...’ and having regards to matters including the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises and the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and any other matter appearing to the Council to be relevant.
- 5.3 Money held on the Parking Revenue Account can only be applied in accordance with the requirements of section 55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

6. Value for Money

- 6.1 The Council’s framework consultants and term contractors, who were engaged on the basis of competitive tendering, would carry out the design and implementation works.

7. Sustainability Impact Appraisal

- 7.1 There are no direct implications on sustainability arising from this report, therefore an SIA is not deemed necessary.
- 7.2 Some of the schemes that will be consulted upon will require an EAA.

8. Risk Management

- 8.1 The purpose of the TIE Charter is to reduce the risk to the transport, highways and parking strategies, schemes and projects and to better enable an open, transparent and constructive approach to ensure meaningful, engaging, sincere conversations with residents, businesses and stakeholders.

9. Community Safety

- 9.1 There are no direct Community Safety implications arising from this report, although some of the schemes may have the opportunity to improve Community Safety.

10. Links to the 3 Priorities for the Borough

- 10.1 *Creating good jobs: Transport links throughout the Borough will be improved, particularly sustainable modes and orbital journeys. This will help local people access jobs and employers attract local people more effectively.*

- 10.2 Tackling the climate crisis: *As part of all transport schemes the Council will ensure that transport emissions, road safety, and personal security issues are fully considered.*
- 10.3 Fighting inequality: *Transport links throughout the Borough will be further improved, particularly sustainable modes and orbital journeys. This will further enable local people access education, health, and other services more easily.*

11. Equalities and Community Cohesion

- 11.1 The public sector equality duty applies to the making of traffic schemes and the needs of those with protected characteristics are an integral part of the design and assessment process. The schemes that will be consulted upon will require an EAA and these will be published at the appropriate time in the development of the scheme.
- 11.2 Regard has also been had to the public sector equality duty in the drafting of the Charter. One of the aims of the TIE Charter is to ensure that consultations are more representative of the community, the adoption of the TIE Charter is, therefore, considered to be a positive approach.

12. Staffing/Workforce and Accommodation implications

- 12.1 There are no staffing/workforce and accommodation issues as the design and works involved are carried out by consultants and contractors employed by the Council.

13. Property and Assets

- 13.1 There are no property or asset implications arising from this report.

14. Any other implications

- 14.1 None

15. Consultation

- 15.1 As detailed in Appendix C Travel in Ealing (TIE) Charter - Engagement Report, March 2023

16. Timescale for Implementation

- 16.1 Implementation of the TIE Charter and the Transport Programme Data Strategy would become effective following approval of its adoption.

17. Appendices

1. The Travel in Ealing (TIE) Charter, June 2023
2. Transport Programme Data Strategy, June 2023
3. Travel in Ealing (TIE) Charter - Engagement Report, March 2023

18. Additional Background Information

None

19. Report Consultation

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Appendix 1 - The Travel in Ealing (TIE) Charter, June 2023

Appendix 2 - Transport Programme Data Strategy

Appendix 3 - Travel in Ealing (TIE) Charter - Engagement Report, March 2023