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## SAFER LORRIES, SAFER CYCLING PLEDGE

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report relates to the London Cycling Campaign's 'Safer Lorries, Safer Cycling' pledge and whether the Council should support the pledge in principle. (A copy of the pledge is appended).

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The London Cycling Campaign is actively promoting the need for improvements to be made to heavy lorries to increase the safety of cyclists as well as new checks and training for drivers.
- 2.2 Whilst in broad measure the campaign is focussed on the risks for cyclists in London, most of the improvements sought are applicable nationwide. The main exception to this is the training provided by Transport for London identified in b(ii). That being the case, there is merit in the Council considering lending its support to the campaign.

### 3 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct organisational risks associated with this proposal. Risks are associated with road safety for cyclists in the District.

### 4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council's existing refuse freighters do not meet the requirements of the pledge. However, under the terms of the new waste management contract with Sita, the Council has responsibility for the procurement of all HGVs from April 2015. It is intended that the new vehicles will exceed the standard set by London Cycling Campaign and there are no additional resource implications.
- 4.2 SITA comply with all remaining aspects of the pledge, other than the approved driver training provided by Transport for London.
- 4.3 The suggestion of supporting the pledge in principle only is in view of the fact that adoption would be likely to have indeterminate financial implications when ordering goods because of the additional obligations placed upon hauliers.

### 5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES** that the London Cycling Campaign be advised that this Council supports the Safer Lorries, Safer Cycling' pledge in principle.



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**Background Papers:-**

None.

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Our 'Safer Lorries, Safer Cycling' pledge and detailed conditions

1. **The pledge**

"We'll work to improve the safety of every Londoner by only signing new contracts with the safest haulage companies, which conform to the London Cycling Campaign's Safer Lorries conditions. We also pledge to ensure our council-operated services meet the same standards."

2. **The conditions**

2.1 These conditions apply to contractors and all sub-contractors employed under the contract.

(a) ***Our Safer Lorries pledge will ensure all lorries have:***

- (i) A close-proximity warning system (visual or audible) to make the driver aware of cyclists and pedestrians who might be hidden from view. This can include an appropriate CCTV camera or Fresnel lens where this provides an adequate alternative.
- (ii) A Class VI mirror, sideguards, and prominent signage on the rear of the lorry warning cyclists not to undertake.
- (iii) An external warning device to ensure nearby road users are aware of a planned manoeuvre.
- (iv) The haulier will be a member of a reputable best-practice safety organisation, FORS or equivalent.

(b) ***Our Safer Lorries pledge will ensure all drivers have:***

- (i) A driving licence check with the DVLA (before starting on a contract), with their licence being rechecked regularly.
- (ii) Taken the Approved Driver Training within 60 days of the contract starting, unless they've had this training within three years. The training must include TfL's Safe Urban Driving course, with on-bike hazard-awareness training.
- (iii) Passed a FORS e-learning Work-Related Road Safety module (or an approved equivalent) at least every 12 months.