

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Terms of Reference of the Lime bikes Spotlight Review

1. Purpose of Report

For the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the scoping document, including terms of reference, of the Spotlight Review regarding Lime bikes, and agree accordingly.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE to agree the Spotlight Review's scoping document.

3. Detail

The previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, of 25 March, was dedicated to considering items that had been suggested for inclusion on the Committee's Work Programme. The items selected for inclusion would then receive some form of scrutiny consideration – most as papers to subsequent meetings, some through other scrutiny exercises.

One item chosen for consideration was the issue of Lime bikes in Broxtowe, with the Committee choosing to undergo a Spotlight Review on the subject. A Potlight Review is usually one day of scrutiny activity in which Members will review all relevant evidence and testimony before formulating conclusions and recommendations, where appropriate.

The members of the review met in May to formulate a terms of reference for the group, which is attached for the Committee's consideration at **Appendix 1**.

4. Key Decision

This report is not a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Financial Implications

The comments from the Interim Deputy Chief Executive were as follows:

There are no financial implications to consider at this stage. If the scrutiny review proposes any changes to policy or operations that would likely result in budget implications for the Council (either additional costs or revenues), these would have to be picked up as part of the recommendations to Cabinet for approval.

6. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

Under the *Highways Act 1980*, councils have a legal duty to prevent public nuisances and ensure pedestrians have clear access. If a Lime bike creates a hazard (e.g., blocking wheelchair access or a fire exit), councils are obligated to clear the obstruction, later reclaiming removal and storage costs directly from Lime.

7. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

8. Union Comments

Unison noted the contents of the report.

9. Climate Change Implications

The climate change implications are contained within the report.

10. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

11. Equality Impact Assessment

No Equality Impact Assessment is required at this stage. One will be produced during the process of the review if necessary.

12. Background Papers

Nil.