

**Agenda Item No:** 4

**Report Title:** Scrutiny Review of Transport

**Report To:** Scrutiny Transport Panel      **Date:** 15 January 2018

**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Tom Jones

**Ward(s) Affected:** All wards

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**Purpose of Report:**

1. To enable the Scrutiny Committee to receive the report by the A259 Action Group concerning A259 traffic data and alternative means of transport.

**Officers Recommendations:**

2. To receive the report of the A259 Action Group (to inform the continuing debate in relation to the A259) and invite discussion relating to traffic surveys, improvements and alternative means of transport.

**Reasons for Recommendation**

3. To comply with the Scrutiny Panel's right to invite people outside of the Council to address the Panel, discuss issues of local concern and/or answer questions as stated in the Council's Constitution with regard to the Attendance by Others (Part 4, rule 15).
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**Information**

4. The topic under consideration within this report was put forward by this Committee at its meeting on 8 September 2016.
5. For information, at its meeting on 17 October 2017 East Sussex County Council had a Full Council debate with relation to 'The Big Petition - A259 South Coast Road Congestion'. The Council agreed the following motion as its recommendation:

*This Council recommends to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment that traffic monitoring on the A259 continues, and that the Lead Member continues to work with Lewes District Council and Brighton & Hove City Council to*

*deliver the package of planned transport interventions identified during the development of the Lewes Local Plan.*

6. The second meeting of the Scrutiny Transport Review Panel took place on 26 October 2017. In this meeting it was resolved that representatives of the Peacehaven Focus Group and Newhaven Town Council be invited to the next meeting of the Transport Panel to discuss the A259. At the time of writing this report, the Scrutiny Officer had received confirmation of attendees from the Peacehaven Focus Group.
7. Members are requested to note that, in forming the A259 Action Group, the Peacehaven Focus Group had combined their efforts with the Telscombe Residents Association, Saltdean Residents' Association, Safe (Rottingdean), together with support from residents of Newhaven.

### **Financial Appraisal**

8. An annual budget of £1,000 is available to support the work of the Scrutiny Committee and its Scrutiny Panels. Any costs associated with the review proposed are expected to be minor, given that the research work can be carried out by Council staff.

### **Legal Implications**

9. In considering the recommendations of this report, the Committee should adhere to the Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in part 4 of the Council's constitution.

### **Risk Management Implications**

10. There is no requirement for an analysis of risk.

### **Equality Screening**

11. An equalities impact assessment is not considered necessary at this stage. If the Committee decides to proceed with the Review, an equality analysis would be undertaken as part of the review and would be reported along with the review findings.

### **Background Papers**

12. [East Sussex County Council's Full Council agenda and minutes.](#)

### **Appendices**

13. Appendix A – A259 Action Group Big Petition Report to Lewes District Council Scrutiny Transport Panel.