



Transport and Environment Cabinet Member Bulletin Councillor Stuart King November 2016

Latest News

Tram derailment

Like all members, I was shocked and saddened by the events that took place early on the morning of 9 November near Sandilands tram stop, in which seven lives were lost and 51 people were injured. My sincere condolences go out to the bereaved families and the other victims of this terrible tragedy.

The publication of the RAIB interim report on 16 November was welcomed by the council for its early release of some interim findings as well as providing some urgent safety advice for Transport for London. The council is keen for the full report to be published as soon as possible in order that TFL can swiftly adopt any recommendations made by the independent investigation.

Many members of the public and elected representatives have rightly praised the response of the emergency services, TFL, and our voluntary and community groups. As well as acknowledging these deserving individuals, I also want to place on record my thanks to all those council staff – in particular within the council's highways team – who contributed to the rescue and recovery effort. They demonstrated the quiet efficiency, dedication and value provided by our public servants.

The council will continue to work closely with the various investigations, TFL and British Transport Police.



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The STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) Awards



Croydon pupils and their teachers have been named among the best in London at promoting active travel and road safety within and around their school.

Regina Coeli Catholic Primary School, Oasis Academy Shirley Park Primary, Bensham Manor School and Robert Fitzroy Academy were among the winners at the annual STARS awards ceremony at City Hall on Monday.

The STARS (Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe) awards recognised 34 London primary and secondary schools out of more than 1,500 across the capital that champion active and safe travel to and from school, reduce car use, and increase walking, cycling and using public transport.

Regina Coeli Catholic Primary School in South Croydon picked up the title of School of the Region for south London for reducing car use by 6%, while Oasis Academy Shirley Park Primary teacher Roshan Rampersad was named School Travel Plan Champion of the Year. There were also awards for special needs secondary Bensham Manor School in Thornton Heath, which was named as a school of excellence for cycling, and for Robert Fitzroy Academy in Addiscombe, which was named a school of excellence for scooting.

I have written to congratulate the headteachers at all four schools.

Now in its tenth year, accreditation to the STARS scheme has grown from 180 schools in 2006 to 1,557 in 2016. Schools are judged on their success in changing travel behaviour with each school awarded a bronze, silver or gold accreditation. Croydon now has 53 bronze, 13 silver and 8 gold STARS-accredited schools.

For further details on the STARS accreditation scheme and the full range of programmes TfL offers to schools and young people, visit www.tfl.gov.uk/stars or www.tfl.gov.uk/younglondon



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Love Lane Play Street Award



In September 2015, more than 50 children and their parents from Love Lane, in Woodside, began their first Play Street event, enabling residents to enjoy games in the sunshine while the council kept their road temporarily traffic-free.

In October Love Lane residents of all ages attended the 2016 Adventure Play Awards in Leicester Square. The children were delighted to see the video they had made of their play street on the big screen and thrilled when they were named as London Play Street of the Year. Well done, Love Lane!

The council introduced Play Streets by making it easier for residents to apply for temporary road closures. Love Lane's Play Street has since become monthly, and eight more have launched across the borough, including the borough's first school-run Play Street in Brampton Road, Addiscombe.

Anyone interested in setting up their own scheme should email cfp@croydon.gov.uk or call 020 8726 6400 ext. 63371 or visit: www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/families/ccfpartnership/playstreets

206/17 Winter Season

Whilst it is difficult to predict exactly when our winter will start, the council's winter maintenance team has made all the arrangements possible at this point to ensure we are ready to respond to the arrival of winter conditions. Weather forecasts are received by the winter service duty officers to help short and medium term planning, and 1000 tonnes of additional salt has been ordered and received taking our total stock to 3549 tonnes. Salt levels will be closely monitored and further orders made if necessary. The winter gritting fleet for the 2016/17 season is also in place. Our 570 salt bins are being topped up and our contractors will ensure that the salt bins are at least two-thirds full over the winter season.

The Croydon duty officers have already received their winter service briefings and the winter duty service started 31st October 2016 and will run until the end of March 2017 (subject to extending it if necessary).



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Meeting with Deputy Mayor for Environment & Energy

Earlier this month I was pleased to have an early opportunity to meet with Sadiq Khan's Deputy Mayor for Environment & Energy, Shirley Rodrigues, who only took up her post very recently. Shirley and I had a very productive meeting during which we discussed a wide range of topics of mutual interest to the Mayor/GLA and us here in Croydon.

We discussed the Mayor's environment strategy and priorities, including the current consultation on the Ultra Low Emission Zone, her plans for Energy for Londoners, as well as shared ambitions around clean bus routes, the Business Energy Challenge and LIP funding.

I look forward to seeing Shirley again next month and working with her, the Mayor and City Hall, to deliver our shared ambitions and objectives.

Delivering our Ambitions

Veteran Car Run

On a cold but sunny Sunday morning, I was delighted to join the Mayor to watch the Veteran Cars and Coaches drive through Brighton Road, Coulsdon. We joined the large crowds waving and taking photos of these splendidly maintained vehicles, with some of the drivers in period clothing of the early 1900s.

Historically, the Run takes place on the first Sunday in November and commemorates the Emancipation Run of 14 November 1896 which celebrated the passing into law of the Locomotives on the Highway Act, which raised the speed limit for 'light locomotives' from 4mph to 14 mph and abolished the requirement for these vehicles to be preceded by a man on foot. The early law required the man on foot to carry a red flag but that requirement was abolished in 1878. The Locomotive Act was still widely known as the 'Red Flag Act' and a red flag was symbolically destroyed at the start of the Emancipation Run, as it is today just before the start in Hyde Park.

In 2016 we are celebrating the 120th anniversary of the very first Run. The rally represents a rare opportunity for participants to take their extraordinary automobiles on the historic 60 mile journey from Hyde Park in Central London to the seafront in Brighton.

The event faithfully follows the same route every year along the A23. The vehicles are waved off from Hyde Park early on Sunday morning, driving through Constitution Hill, Westminster Bridge, Lambeth, Streatham then the route enters Croydon's boundary at Norbury. They then continue to travel along London Rd, Thornton Rd,



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Old Town, Southbridge Rd, and Brighton Rd on to High Street, Coulsdon, then out of the Borough into Hooley and on to Brighton

In order to qualify for the event, the vehicles have to be built before 1905 and are pre-inspected to ensure that they comply with the specification for their class. The competitors have to cross the finish line in Madeira Drive, Brighton within a given time in order to receive their competitors' medal.

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