

**ITEM 6**  
**PARISH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
**CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**16 SEPTEMBER 1999**

**SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY FORUM**

Accountable Officer: Laura McGillivray (Head of Policy and Communications)

Author: Paul Robinson (Corporate Policy Officer) - MK252389

**1. Purpose**

1.1 To report responses from Local Councils on the review of the mechanism for considering transport and road safety issues raised by Local Councils.

**2. Summary**

2.1 At previous meetings of the Consultative Assembly concerns were raised that the Sustainable Transport and Road Safety (STARS) Forum meetings were being largely dominated by special interest groups. The Local Council representatives felt that the Forum was not one they would wish to share with pressure groups.

2.2 At its meeting in June the Consultative Assembly considered a report which suggested measures to resolve the concerns of Local Councils. The options for consideration were: restructuring the STARS Forum to enable more detailed consideration of Local Council issues; referring transport and road safety issues to this Consultative Assembly; or arranging a separate meeting for Local Councils on these issues. The report noted that each of these options had advantages and disadvantages.

2.3 The Assembly agreed that the report should be circulated to Local Councils for their consideration and brought back to a future meeting. The report was circulated with the July issue of the Newsletter requesting responses from Local Councils by 8 September 1999. At the time of writing this report no responses had been received. An oral report will be made on any responses received by the meeting.

**3. Recommendations**

3.1 That the Assembly is invited to consider any responses received and to agree its preferred option for the consideration of transport and road safety issues.