

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY FORUM

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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 into two parts 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. There had been little response by the September meeting of the Consultative Assembly, it was thought that this could have been that very few Council's had met since the report had been circulated. It was therefore agreed to defer consideration of this item until this meeting by which time Local Councils would have had time to consider this matter.
- 2.4 At the time of writing this report very few responses had been received. Woburn Sands Town Council has stated its preference for a two part agenda for the STARS Forum with

Local Council issues being considered in the first part. This would give local Councillors the choice to remain for the second part if they so wish.

2.5 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.