

**Report of: Chair of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee**

<b>Meeting of</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b>
Executive	21 July 2016	All
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## **Subject: Smart Cities Scrutiny Review**

### **1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 This report requests that the Executive receive the recommendations of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, following completion of the Smart Cities scrutiny review. A response to the recommendations set out in the report will be considered at a future meeting of the Executive.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the report of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee be received.
- 2.2 That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 In July 2015 the Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee commenced a review of Smart Cities. The aim was to explore and understand the different approaches that Islington Council could consider to become a 'Smart City' and how new technologies could influence this.

3.2 The committee heard about possible smart city innovations that the council could consider for development, based on advice from experts and other local authorities.

## **4. Implications**

### **4.1 Financial Implications**

The proposals in the review need to be costed before a response is made by the Executive.

### **4.2 Legal Implications**

Relevant legal implications will be considered as part of the response to the review.

### **4.3 Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications at this stage. Any environmental implications will be identified as part of the Executive Member response.

### **4.4 Resident Impact Assessment**

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

The Committee has had regard to any equalities implications and resident impacts identified by witnesses during the course of the review. Details of any such implications are set out in the appended report. A Resident Impact Assessment has not been completed as the Executive is only asked to receive the report at this stage. The impact on residents will need to be fully considered as part of the Executive Member response to the review, at which point a Resident Impact Assessment will be completed if required.

## **5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

5.1 The Environment and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee heard evidence about a number of Smart City schemes across the country and smart city work that was being undertaken in Islington. The committee heard about a number of ideas for becoming a 'Smart City' in the future.

5.2 The committee hoped its recommendations would improve smart city work in the borough.

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