
To: Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3)

Date: 9th July 2025

Subject: Development of Coventry's Local Cycling and Walking Innovation Plan

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To establish a task and finish group (T&F) to support the development of Coventry's Local Cycling and Walking Innovation Plan.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) are recommended to:

- 3.1 Establish a task and finish group on the development of Coventry's Local Cycling and Walking Innovation Plan (Appendix 1)

- 1) Identify Members to take part in the task and finish group

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 On the 5th of February 2025, The Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3) considered a briefing note of the Director of City Services and Commercial, which provided an update on progress on the development of Coventry City Councils (CCC) Local Cycling and Walking Innovation Plan (LCWIP).
- 4.1 The Development of Coventry's Local Cycling and Walking Plan (LCWIP) is a strategic initiative by Coventry City Council aimed at enhancing the city's infrastructure for active travel. The LCWIP serves as a planning tool for local authorities to develop networks of walking and cycling routes, providing a policy framework that supports the implementation of the Coventry Transport Strategy, which was adopted by the Council in December 2022.
- 5.1 The plan focuses on both existing and potential travel demand, aiming to create a comprehensive network that encourages mode shift and adapts to new developments. For walking, the emphasis is on maintaining and improving the existing network, ensuring accessibility and inclusivity for all users, including those with mobility aids. This involves addressing barriers such as pavement parking, street furniture, and lack of dropped kerb crossings.
- 6.1 For cycling, the plan aims to connect sporadic routes into a cohesive city-wide network. This includes identifying corridors for new cycle routes and making both point and area-based interventions. The LCWIP is designed to be a live document, updated as priorities evolve, and it strengthens the council's position to obtain funding from various sources.
- 7.1 Overall, the LCWIP is a crucial component of Coventry's efforts to promote sustainable and active travel, improving the quality of life for its residents and contributing to environmental goals.

- 8.1 The focus of the Task and Finish Group is to aid greater understanding of issues, options, and scheme development of the Coventry's Local Cycling & Walking Innovation Plan.
- 9.1 The task and finish group would consider several factors, including national legislation, guidance, current policy, data, local comparators, costs and anything else which would come within the scope of the investigation.
- 10.1 The T&F will report back to the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board (3), including recommendations to the Cabinet Member this municipal year.

Appendix 1: Draft scoping document

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