
To: Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board

Date: 25th March 2026

Subject: Progress Update – Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Task & Finish Group

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board on the work undertaken by the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) Task and Finish Group and to outline the recommendations based on its findings.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board are recommended to:
 - 1) Recommend that the Cabinet Member for Jobs, Regeneration and Climate Change ensure that Members are engaged at each stage of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) development process, ensuring ongoing oversight and input throughout the programme.
 - 2) Ensure that a Task and Finish Group is established in the next municipal year to provide continued oversight and scrutiny of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan as it progresses.
 - 3) Ensure that the final Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan is submitted to the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board for consideration prior to its submission to Cabinet for approval.

3 Information and Background

- 3.1 Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board established a Task and Finish Group to support the development of Coventry's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), a key component of the Coventry Transport Strategy adopted in December 2022.
- 3.2 The purpose of the Group was to develop an understanding of the evidence, issues and options informing the LCWIP and provide constructive input to ensure that the emerging strategy is robust, accessible, and aligned with wider council priorities including health, climate change and inclusive mobility.
- 3.3 Membership of the task and finish group was:
 - Cllr R Singh (Chair)

- Cllr J Blundell
- Cllr R Reeves
- Cllr C Thomas

4 Work Undertaken by the Task & Finish Group - Scoping and evidence review:

- 4.1 Members received officer presentations on national standards, trip data, infrastructure assessments, barriers to active travel, and future mobility considerations. The scoping document can be found at **Appendix A**.
- 4.2 The group agreed its scope at the outset, focusing on:
- Understanding the evidence base underpinning the LCWIP
 - Reviewing emerging proposals and engagement plans
 - Considering opportunities and barriers for walking, cycling, and wheeling
 - Ensuring accessibility and equality considerations are embedded in the strategy
- 4.3 The group received a detailed briefing from officers on:
- National LCWIP standards and guidance
 - Analysis of short trips using mobile phone data
 - Assessment of current infrastructure quality
 - Key barriers and opportunities across the network
- 4.4 Members highlighted the importance of transparency in public consultation, and the need to clearly communicate what aspects of the LCWIP are open to influence. Officers also committed to:
- Consider future regulation of e-bikes and mobility devices
 - Incorporate findings from the Coventry Street Accessibility Project

5 Consultation and engagement design:

- 5.1 The Task and Finish Group provided detailed feedback on the consultation and engagement design offering several improvements to the questionnaire, including removing or rewording questions that presented unrealistic options, ensuring images were used to illustrate different types of cycling infrastructure, and clarifying expectations around shared spaces and city centre design.
- 5.2 Members also contributed to shaping the wider engagement approach by emphasising the need for broad and inclusive outreach to disability groups, NHS partners, educational settings, and community networks, as well as the use of the "Let's Talk Coventry" platform, consistent branding, flyers and partner organisations to promote the consultation. In addition, the group recommended targeted dissemination through networks such as DEAP.
- 5.3 The consultation will run from 26 January to 8 March 2026 via the "Let's Talk Coventry" platform.

6 Final Meeting of the Task and Finish Group:

- 6.1 The group reviewed progress on the LCWIP survey and consultation, noting strong engagement driven partly by expanded social- media outreach and a recent spike in responses. Members discussed the survey’s current role as an initial fact- finding exercise, with more meaningful, route- specific consultation expected later. Ensuring broad participation—particularly from schools, parents, disabled residents, and less frequently heard groups—was highlighted as essential. A total of 236 responses had been received so far, with a 64% engagement rate, and the 8 March closing date may be extended to support further engagement with education settings.

7 Conclusion

- 7.1 The Task and Finish Group played a constructive role in shaping the development and engagement approach for Coventry’s LCWIP. By reviewing evidence, advising on engagement design, and highlighting issues such as accessibility, public expectations, and future mobility trends, the group has ensured that the emerging LCWIP is robust and grounded in local insight.
- 7.2 To this end, the group requested that there is continued Member engagement throughout the process; that the work of the task and finish group continue into next municipal year and that the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board have opportunity to consider the final plan before Cabinet.

Appendix A: Scoping Document

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