

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

## LOCAL COMMITTEE (MOLE VALLEY)

DATE: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014LEAD OFFICERS: Graeme Kane, Strategic Leadership Manager, MVDC  
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SUBJECT: Mole Valley Local Cycling Plan

DIVISION: Mole Valley

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The Surrey Transport Plan – Cycling Strategy 2014-2026 was adopted by Surrey County Council in December 2013.

As part of this strategy, local cycling plans are to be developed for each of Surrey's 11 boroughs and districts in order to best reflect local issues and priorities. This report introduces the proposed local cycling plan for Mole Valley.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:****The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to agree that**

- (i) The Mole Valley local cycling plan be adopted by the Local Committee subject to adoption by Mole Valley District Council's (MVDC) Executive
- (ii) The Local Committee recommend MVDC's Executive adopt the plan
- (iii) The Local Committee will undertake to hold a cycling infrastructure workshop to identify future improvements and developments of the cycling infrastructure in Mole Valley
- (iv) Should MVDC Executive wish to make amendments to the plan, MVDC Chief Executive/ SCC Director for Customers and Communities in consultation with the Chair of the Local Committee be authorised to implement the amendments.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Mole Valley local cycling plan seeks to promote cycling as a sustainable, healthy mode of transport for all sections of the community. Initiatives within the plan aim to improve the convenience and safety of cycling to encourage adults and children to cycle more regularly as a mode of transport and a leisure activity. The plan also acknowledges that some types of cycling have brought negative consequences for local communities who have been affected by the rising popularity of Mole Valley as a cycling destination. The plan includes initiatives to address this issue by working with a range of stakeholders to find ways to reduce the negative impacts of cycling whilst capturing the environmental, social, health and economic benefits of cycling.

The plan acknowledges that there are different types of cycling and that each one has to be supported and managed in different ways. It also acknowledges that local circumstances require different approaches towards cycling.

### **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 The Mole Valley local cycling plan has been developed with Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) Members who were part of a MVDC Executive Working Group and by the Local Committee. The comments and views of all Members involved in the process have been incorporated within the plan.
- 1.2 The local cycling plan seeks to support and manage cycling in accordance with the views and wishes of our communities. Within Mole Valley, there are a range of perceptions and opinions about the benefits and negative consequences of cycling. In developing the action plan, Members have listened to and considered these opinions carefully in order to adopt a balanced approach to promoting and managing cycling in Mole Valley.
- 1.3 In order to achieve its aims, there is an appreciation within MVDC, Surrey County Council (SCC) and Surrey Police that the organisations need to work together and with other stakeholders within our communities to implement the plan. A number of the initiatives within the plan include further consultation and co-operation with key stakeholders in order to achieve the plan's priorities. In this way, the plan is an inclusive approach to promoting and managing cycling in Mole Valley.

### **2. ANALYSIS:**

- 2.1 The Surrey Transport Plan – Cycling Strategy 2014-2026, published by Surrey County Council in March 2014, seeks to unlock the potential of cycling in the county as well as addressing the negative consequences of the growing popularity of some types of cycling.
- 2.2 It includes 12 objectives with a focus on: promoting cycling as an inclusive, affordable and healthy mode of transport; improving the safety of cycling through training and infrastructure improvements; capturing the economic benefits of cycling; reducing congestion; addressing health problems; minimising the impacts of off road and sports cycling, and cycling events on communities and businesses.
- 2.3 The Mole Valley local cycling plan seeks to implement the strategy at a local level in accordance with local circumstances and priorities.

### **3. OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 The Local Committee has three principle options:
  - a. Adopt the Mole Valley local cycling plan and recommend MVDC's Executive to adopt the plan
  - b. Adopt the Mole Valley local cycling plan with specific amendments before recommending MVDC's Executive to adopt the plan

- c. Request MVDC and SCC officers to make specific amendments to the plan and consider the revised plan at a future Local Committee meeting before recommending it to MVDC's Executive for adoption.

#### **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 4.1 SCC carried out a public consultation exercise on the draft county-wide Cycling Strategy before it was finalised and adopted. Out of the 3,647 responses that were received across Surrey, 764 (21%) were from Mole Valley; a much greater proportion than the actual population of the District, which makes up 7% of Surrey's population. In addition, MVDC and SCC regularly receive feedback from residents, Parish Councils, Residents Associations and businesses about cycling in Mole Valley. These contributions have helped shape the priorities within the local cycling plan.
- 4.2 A draft version of the plan has been discussed with Mole Valley Cycling Forum in recognition of their expertise and knowledge about cycling in Mole Valley.
- 4.3 Many of the initiatives involve further consultation with key stakeholders, particularly initiative V1.1 which includes a stakeholder workshop to discuss improvements to cycling infrastructure in Mole Valley.

#### **5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1 Any funding for the initiatives included within the plan will be sourced from existing budgets, or from successful bids to external sources of funding. The extent to which initiatives can be developed may depend on available funding.

#### **6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 6.1 The local cycling plan highlights the opportunity to promote inclusive cycling for those with physical and mental disabilities.
- 6.2 Where appropriate, Equality Impact Assessments will be completed as and when the individual actions are developed and implemented. This may be particularly relevant to the design of any future infrastructure developments.

#### **7. LOCALISM:**

- 7.1 The local cycling plan acknowledges that different communities experience different beneficial and negative consequences of cycling, and to differing extents. Some areas of Mole Valley are more suitable for cycling as a mode of transport given their geographical and topographical situations whilst others are more adversely affected by the growing popularity of cycling. The initiatives within the local plan allow for local flexibility and the involvement of local stakeholders in their implementation.

#### **8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	No significant implications arising

	from this report
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	Outlined below.
Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	No significant implications arising from this report
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	No significant implications arising from this report
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report

### 8.1 Sustainability implications

The local cycling plan seeks to encourage modal shift from motor vehicles to bicycles, which would contribute towards reducing carbon dioxide emissions.

## **9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

9.1 The Mole Valley local cycling plan has been developed in conjunction with MVDC Members and officers. It seeks to implement the strategy at a local level in accordance with local circumstances and priorities. The plan will be implemented in partnership with MVDC and other key stakeholders.

9.2 The Local Committee (Mole Valley) is asked to agree that

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- ii. The Local Committee recommend Mole Valley District Council's Executive adopt the plan
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## **10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

10.1 Should the plan be adopted by both Local Committee and Mole Valley District Council, officers will begin to work together to implement the initiatives and actions outlined in the plan.

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### **Consulted:**

Surrey County Councillors in Mole Valley  
Mole Valley District Council Members of the Executive Working Group for cycling  
Mole Valley District Council Executive Members  
Mole Valley Cycle Forum  
Surrey Police  
Surrey County Council officers within Highways and Sustainability  
Mole Valley District Council officers

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/molevalley](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/molevalley)

**Annexes:**

Mole Valley Local Cycling Plan

**Sources/background papers:**

- The Surrey Transport Plan – Cycling Strategy 2014-2026
  - Surrey Cycling Strategy – consultation summary report, December 2013
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