

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

DATE: 26 SEPTEMBER 2014

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**SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF A WAVERLEY LOCAL CYCLING PLAN
TASK GROUP**

DIVISION: ALL DIVISIONS IN WAVERLEY



SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The **Surrey Transport Plan Cycling Strategy 2014 – 2026** envisages that Local Committees will oversee the development of Local Cycling Plans that reflect local priorities and issues. The report asks the Local Committee to establish a Task Group to develop a draft Waverley Cycling Plan for its consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to agree:

- (i) To establish a Waverley Local Cycling Plan Task Group.
- (ii) That the Task Group's Terms of Reference set out in Annex 1 of the report are adopted.
- (iii) That the Task Group should initially develop for approval by the Local Committee a programme for producing a Local Cycle Plan for Waverley, setting out:
 - Scope and priorities
 - Data and information needs
 - Timetable for developing final recommendations to the Committee
- (iv) That, subject to (iii), the Task Group should develop a draft Local Cycle Plan for Waverley containing details of priorities, costs and potential sources of funding for agreement by the Local Committee.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee has indicated its intention to consider how it will develop a Local Cycling Plan.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 Surrey County Council's Cabinet agreed the Surrey Cycling Strategy at its meeting on 17 December 2013. The Strategy forms part of the Surrey

Transport Plan. It covers cycling both as a means of transport (i.e. for journeys to work and school, and business and shopping trips) and as a leisure and sporting activity.

1.2 The Strategy document (pp.10-11) states:

We will identify and deliver cycling improvements through local cycling plans for each of Surrey's 11 districts and boroughs, reflecting local priorities and circumstances. These will be jointly developed by Surrey's local committees, the county council, district, borough and parish councils and other partners including public health colleagues and cycling organisations. They will be developed in accordance with the objectives set out in this document, and will involve local consultation. The plans are likely to include both transport objectives (outlined in chapter 6), and sport, leisure and tourism objectives (outlined in chapter 7).

1.3 At its meeting on 20 June 2014 it was indicated, in response to a public question, that the Local Committee would aim to consider its approach to developing the Waverley Cycling Plan at its next meeting.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The development of a Waverley Cycling Strategy is likely to be a complex process, including consideration of relevant data, the nature of the highway network, transport provision and health implications. Consideration would need to be given to the transport infrastructure of the borough more widely and possible sources of funding.
- 2.2 The Committee's four existing Local Task Groups (re-established at its meeting on 20 June 2014) provide a channel for the involvement of local councillors at both borough and town/parish level in the development of its priorities. It is proposed, in the draft Terms of Reference (Annex 1), that the chairmen of the Local Task Groups should form the Local Cycling Plan Task Group. It is also proposed that they should be joined by Mr David Munro, who acts as the Committee's link to the Waverley Cycle Forum.
- 2.3 In recognition of the range of local groups which may have an interest in the development of a Local Cycling Plan, it is proposed that in due course additional members may be appointed to represent specific interests or areas of expertise.
- 2.4 A two-stage process is envisaged:
- The Task Group would initially develop for agreement by the Local Committee a programme for producing a Local Cycle Plan for Waverley setting out:
 - Scope and priorities
 - Data and information needs
 - Timetable for developing final recommendations to the Committee

- Subject to the Committee's agreement the Task Group would then develop a draft Local Cycle Plan for Waverley containing details of priorities, costs and potential sources of funding for agreement by the Local Committee. In preparing this, the Task Group would meet each of the Committee's Local Task Groups and invite to these meetings representatives of relevant local groups as appropriate.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The Committee can establish the Task Group (and corresponding terms of reference) as recommended, agree alternative arrangements, or agree not to proceed.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 The Task Group would consult with relevant stakeholders as appropriate.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 In developing its draft Plan the Task Group would have regard to possible sources of funding. The work of the Task Group is likely to require significant officer support.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 The Task Group will have regard to the diversity of the borough in developing its draft Plan and to the need to maximise inclusion in cycling opportunities.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The proposed membership would ensure that the Task Group has regard to perspectives from all areas of the borough.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	The Task Group would consider the safety of cyclists on the highway.
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	The encouragement of cycling can contribute to the improvement of air quality and the reduced use of fossil fuels.
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	The Task Group would consider the safety of cyclists; cycling can contribute to the maintenance of a healthy lifestyle.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 The report sets out for the Committee's agreement a process for the development of its Local Cycling Plan.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Officers will take the necessary actions to comply with the Committee's decisions.

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Annexes:

Annex 1: Waverley Local Cycling Plan Task Group: Terms Of Reference

Sources/background papers: *Surrey Transport Plan Cycling Strategy 2014 – 2026*

http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/800125/cycling-strategy-publication-version-March-2014.pdf