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Chichester City Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

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2. Recommendation

2.1 That Cabinet approves the draft Chichester City Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for consultation.

3. Background

- 3.1 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) are set out in the Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy as a strategic approach to identifying the walking and cycling infrastructure needed at a local level.
- 3.2 Cabinet approved expenditure of Business Rate Pool grant monies on the development of a LCWIP in March 2019 and a consultant was engaged for the delivery of the work in May 2019. The area of study is limited to the built area of Chichester City with linkages to surrounding parishes.
- 3.3 Using census data and Department for Transport (DfT) specified methodologies the consultant has specified 26 cycling routes for improvement and dual-use routes and improvements to the 'core walking zone' for investment with a range of costs from £6.7M (do minimum) to £16.7M (do more).
- 3.4 WSCC also commissioned a county-wide LCWIP which includes the three strategic Chichester District routes; Chichester to Emsworth ('Chemroute'), the Selsey to Chichester route ('Selsey Greenway) and Bognor to Chichester route. WSCC also led a district and borough officer working group to enable partnership working and knowledge sharing in this new type of work.

4. Outcomes to be Achieved

- 4.1 The creation of an LCWIP provides an evidence based list of infrastructure improvements for future investment over a ten year period. The intention is that WSCC will now prioritise the schemes included in all West Sussex LCWIPs. CDC's LCWIP allows the Council to demonstrate good governance for cycling and walking

improvements and, the guidance implies, will be best placed to be competitive when seeking grants for the delivery of such schemes.

- 4.2 This work supports the Corporate Plan Vision that communities should be 'active' and that CDC encourages 'sustainable living' through the aspiration to improve Chichester's walking and cycling infrastructure. On adoption of the LCWIP it is intended for it to inform policies in the emerging Local Plan and the revised Air Quality Action Plan.

5. Proposal

- 5.1 There is significant political and community interest in walking and cycling and the DfT guidance suggests that 'engagement is as extensive as possible' during the period of producing an LCWIP. As such, a six week public consultation is proposed in accordance with the arrangements set out in section 8 of this report. The consultation responses will be reported back to DPIP and Environment Panel and subsequently to Cabinet, seeking resolution to adopt the document.

6. Alternatives Considered

- 6.1 The alternative would be not to conduct a public consultation. This would not be in accordance with the DfT guidance or reflect the actions of many other authorities who have consulted on their draft LCWIP documents. As such a public consultation is recommended.

7. Resource and Legal Implications

- 7.1 The consultation will be within current staff and financial resources and there are no legal implications.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 CDC held two public stakeholder workshops for the development of the LCWIP. The outputs from the workshops were used in the process to help refine walking and cycling proposals. A list of those invited to the stakeholder events is at Appendix 3.
- 8.2 The full list of organisations proposed to be contacted directly as part of this public consultation is at Appendix 4 and the CDC website will host a consultation page.

9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

- 9.1 The cycling and walking infrastructure schemes proposed by the LCWIP are unfunded. As such, once adopted, the intention is that the LCWIP will be associated with the Local Plan and revised Air Quality Action Plan such that appropriate bids can be made as funds become available. The adoption of an LCWIP is intended to advantage CDC in bidding for grant monies as the document assists in demonstrating a strategy and strong governance.

10. Other Implications

	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		✓
Climate Change and Biodiversity Subject to schemes being delivered then the related infrastructure should enable a greater number of trips to be made by foot and bike with a commensurate reduction in carbon emissions.	✓	
Human Rights and Equality Impact		✓
Safeguarding and Early Help		✓
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)		✓
Health and Wellbeing The Council has made a commitment to 'help our communities be healthy and active'. The adoption of an LCWIP should enable CDC to more competitive in bidding for monies for walking and cycling infrastructure delivery. A more coherent and safer network of walking and cycling routes should enable a more active lifestyle.	✓	
Other		✓

11. Appendices – please note that colour versions are available online

- 11.1 Appendix 1 - Draft Chichester Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
Appendix 2 - Appendix B & C of Draft Chichester Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
Appendix 3 - List of consultees invited to CDC consultation workshops
Appendix 4 - List of partners, agencies and persons invited to comment in forthcoming public consultation

12. Background Papers

- 12.1 None.