

<b>CABINET</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 7</b>
<b>21 SEPTEMBER 2020</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

Report of: Formation of a Cycling and Walking Member Working Group	Steve Cox, Executive Director; Place & Economy	
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## FORMATION OF A CYCLING AND WALKING MEMBER WORKING GROUP

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
<b>FROM:</b> Group Leaders	<b>Deadline date:</b> N/A
<p>It is recommended that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agree to form a Cycling and Walking Member Working Group.</li> <li>2. Review and approve the draft terms of reference for the Working Group</li> </ol>	

### 1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following a recommendation from a Group Leaders meeting.

### 2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet's approval to form a Cycling and Walking Member Working Group and to review / approve the terms of reference in Appendix A. The recommendation has come from a recent Group Leaders meeting and the Working Group will be made up of one Member from each party.
- 2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.3, 'To take a leading role in promoting the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of the area.'

### 3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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### 4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The Council has received funding of approximately £175k from Government as part of Government's Emergency Active Travel Fund. This funding came with the instruction that Local Authorities should reallocate road space in favour of pedestrians and cyclists by using temporary pop-up facilities such as highway barriers.  
  
The Council has installed a number of measures around the city centre as part of the tranche 1 funding. These measures are all currently temporary measures and no decision have been made on when (or if) they will be removed.
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4.3 In addition to the tranche 1 funding, the Council has submitted an application via the CPCA for an additional £625k to install more on-road cycling schemes as part of the second phase of the Government's Emergency Active Fund. The Council is expecting to hear in September how much funding it will be allocated but all funding must be spent this financial year. Three streets were identified for tranche 2 funding and these are:

- Oundle Rd from Pleasure Fair Meadows car park to Lady Lodge Drive
- Park Road from Huntly Rd to Dogsthorpe Rd
- Broadway from junction of Eastfield Rd to Park Crescent

4.4 The Working Group will be established to assist the delivery of schemes due by March 2021, together with the monitoring of the measures delivered. Five Members will sit on the Working Group, with one representative from each political party (nominations to be sought from Group Leaders), together with officer representation as appropriate. The Working Group has no decision-making powers; its purpose is to aid greater understanding of issues, options, consultation and scheme development in relation to the Council's delivery of the Emergency Active Travel Fund grant. Where actions relating to matters considered by the Working Group reasonably fall on officers to undertake (in accordance with delegations in the constitution), then the Working Group may steer officers in taking those actions. Where actions require a decision to be taken at a Member level (such as via Full Council, Cabinet or a CMDN, in accordance with the constitution), then the Working Group may recommend to the appropriate decision taker what actions should be taken.

4.5 The Working Group will cease within six months of the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 which aligns with timelines dictated by the DfT in relation to allocation of the grant.

## 5. CONSULTATION

5.1 Some public consultation was undertaken as part of tranche 1 but no consultation has taken place on the outcomes of phase 1. No public consultation has happened on phase 2. Considerations on what consultation should take place will be discussed with the Working Group.

## 6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 It is anticipated that Cabinet approves the formation of the Working Group and reviews / approves the terms of reference.

## 7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

7.1 Group Leaders have stated that they want the Working Group established in order to aid the delivery of the Emergency Active Travel Fund schemes.

## 8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 Not to establish the Working Group. This has been discounted because the Working Group will assist in the successful delivery of the fund.

## 9. IMPLICATIONS

### Financial Implications

9.1 There are no financial implications with the establishment of the Working Group.

### Legal Implications

9.2 There are no legal implications with the establishment of the Working Group.

### Equalities Implications

9.3 There are no equalities implications with the establishment of the Working Group.

**Carbon Impact Assessment**

9.5 The formation of the Working Group will in itself have no direct carbon impact. However the schemes brought forward by the Group will benefit walking and cycling and therefore there is an expectation that more people will choose to walk and cycle as opposed to driving which will have a wider, positive impact on emissions across the city.

**10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 None

**11. APPENDICES**

11.1 Appendix A: Terms of Reference for the Cycling and Walking Member Working Group.

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