



**Special Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**

Date Monday 3 September 2018
Time 11.00 am
Venue Committee Room 1A - County Hall, Durham

Business

Part A

**Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend.
Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's
agreement.**

1. Apologies
2. Substitute Members
3. Declarations of Interest, if any
4. Any items from Co-opted Members or interested parties
5. Draft Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan - Consultation
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 - (a) Joint report of the Director of Transformation and Partnerships
and the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services
 - (b) Presentation by Victoria Lloyd-Gent, Sustainable Travel Officer,
Regeneration and Local Services
6. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting,
is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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Durham

23 August 2018

To: **The Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Councillor E Adam (Chair)
Councillor O Milburn (Vice-Chair)

Councillors B Avery, D Bell, L Brown, J Carr, J Clark, R Crute,
S Dunn, A Gardner, D Hicks, P Howell, P Jopling, C Kay,
R Manchester, C Martin, A Patterson, A Simpson, P Sexton, L Taylor
and M Wilson

Co-opted Members:

Mr T Bolton and Mrs P Holding

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**Environment and Sustainable
Communities
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3 September 2018

**Draft Strategic Cycling and
Walking Delivery Plan -
Consultation**

**Joint Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of
Transformation & Partnerships and Ian Thompson, Corporate
Director of Regeneration & Local Services**

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with background information in advance of the presentation by Victoria Lloyd-Gent, Sustainable Travel Officer, Regeneration and Economic Development, providing an overview of the draft Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan 2018-2028, the consultation process, the key themes/comments resulting from the consultation and next steps in relation to the Delivery Plan.

Background

- 2 Members will recall that the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee has previously included in its work programme an overview of the County Durham Cycling Strategy followed by an update report and a visit by the committee to various cycle routes in the county.
- 3 When considering the work programme for 2018/19 at the July meeting members agreed that the committee would receive a further update on the Cycling Strategy at the meeting on the 16 November 2018. In August we became aware that a consultation was underway in relation to the draft Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan for 2018 - 2028 which is scheduled to go to Cabinet on the 17 October 2018 and would replace the current County Durham Cycling Strategy from November 2018.
- 4 The consultation on the delivery plan runs until the 7 September, 2018 and members of the committee received an e-mail on the 1 August with the link to the consultation asking that you forward any comments prior to the 7 September. Following the e-mail being sent to members we have spoken to the Chair and Vice-Chair with a view to a presentation coming to the committee's scheduled meeting on the 4 October to give members a flavour of the comments/themes coming through the consultation process and an opportunity to provide comment. However, it became apparent following a

discussion with colleagues in Democratic Services that in order for the committee's comments to be included in the report for Cabinet on the 17 October, to meet the required deadlines the Environment OSC would need to meet before mid-September.

- 5 Following a further discussion with the Chair and Vice-Chair arrangements have been made for a special meeting of the Environment OSC to be held on the 3 September, 2018 to capture members' comments on the Delivery Plan and the comments/themes coming through the consultation process. The comments made by members at the meeting on the 3 September will then be fed into the ongoing consultation as the Overview and Scrutiny response to the consultation.
- 6 Arrangements have been made for Victoria Lloyd-Gent, Sustainable Travel Officer, Regeneration and Local services to attend the meeting on the 3 September 2018 to provide a presentation focusing on:
 - Overview of the Delivery Plan
 - Key differences to the Cycling Strategy 2012-15
 - Introduction to Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans
 - Process of Engagement and Consultation
 - Consultation Findings
 - Next Steps

Recommendation

- 7 Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities OSC are asked to consider the information provided during the presentation and provide comment.
- 8 That the comments made by members during the meeting are formulated into a response and fed into the ongoing consultation as the Overview and Scrutiny response.
- 9 That the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee include in its work programme for 2019/20 a progress update on the Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan 2018-2028.

Background Paper(s)

Draft Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan 2018-2028.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – The Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan for County Durham will access the capital funds from LTP3 Walking and Cycling and Cycling Super Routes budgets and external funding will also be secured when possible and required from partner organisations, NECA and through complementary projects.

Staffing – The Sustainable Travel Officer is responsible for producing the plan and co-ordinating and delivering on the action plan alongwith other members of Transport and Contract Services and with support from Legal Services.

Risk – The delivery plan states the many benefits to the economy, health and environment which can be brought about by encouraging and enabling more people to cycle and walk more. The risks are that these benefits, including significant savings, would not come to fruition.

The outcomes of the delivery plan are integrated into the County Durham Plan, Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Durham City Sustainable Transport Strategy and as such the risks of not delivering the plan will have impacts on these documents.

There are also reputational risks associated with non-delivery, in particular because the working groups have been established and partners engaged with the process.

Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening and a Strategic Environmental Assessment have been carried out on the draft plan and any amendments required as a result of the assessments will be incorporated into the final version.

Equality and Diversity – A key focus of the delivery plan is to create opportunities across communities to participate in cycling and walking. We will aim to make access to cycling and walking equitable across gender, social circumstance and geographic location. In order to achieve this, we need a combination of promotion, engagement and high quality infrastructure which is accessible to everyone within the community.

An Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out on the draft delivery plan.

Accommodation – N/A

Crime and Disorder – N/A

Human Rights – N/A

Consultation – The draft is available to the public for comment for a six week consultation period. The draft was produced in collaboration with and through consultation with the two task and finish working groups established as part of the review and development process over four months.

Individual major projects and schemes will include consultation with stakeholders.

The draft has been reported to the Corporate Consultation Group which supports this process.

Procurement – N/A

Disability Discrimination Act – The delivery plan has due regard for the Disability Discrimination Act and aims to make access to cycling and walking equitable across gender, social circumstance and geographic location. In order to achieve this, we need a combination of promotion, engagement and high quality infrastructure which is accessible to everyone within the community who wants to cycle.

An Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out on the draft.

Legal Implications – There is a requirement to formalise the status of the cycling network and the plan actions the authority to ensure that all newly constructed routes have the required permissive access, lease and legal agreements. There is a resource implication on completing this work in both Transport and Legal services.