

ITEM 4: CYCLING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14

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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report provides an update for the Cycle Forum on the proposed 2013/14 cycling capital programme.

2. Supporting Information**Background**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 19th February 2013, Council agreed the Capital Programme for 2013/14 and provisional Capital Programmes for 2014/15 and 2015/16.
- 2.2 Unfortunately, no funding was made for cycling in the 2013/14 financial year, but £138k has been provisionally allocated for 2014/15 (including £108k of developer contributions) and £125k for 2015/16 (including £100k of developer contributions).
- 2.3 Cycling related expenditure from the Local sustainable Transport Fund remains unaffected by the decision, although it is recognised that this is mostly revenue funding that will be used to support initiatives such as Bike It, Love to Ride / Workplace Cycle Challenge and Sky Ride Local.
- 2.4 It is proposed that a cycling capital programme for 2013/14 be developed that is 100% funded from existing developer contributions, which would mean that there would be no net cost to the council. This will need to be approved by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport and the Capital Prioritisation Sub-Committee.
- 2.5 In developing the programme, we have looked at the list of schemes that was presented to and approved at the last meeting of the Cycle Forum as shown below:

Altwood Road, Maidenhead	£10,000
• Cycle gates to provide link from Wootton Way to Altwood Road	
Boyn Grove Park, Maidenhead	£20,000
• Cycle link from A4 crossing to new library	
Cannon Court Road, Maidenhead	£5,000
• Cycle gate providing a link to Switchback Road South	
Norreys Drive, Maidenhead	£40,000
• Segregated path from Kendall's Place to Concorde Business Park	
Monkey Island Lane, Bray	£12,000
• Surfacing improvements on central section	

A308 Maidenhead Road, Windsor (Clewer Park) £16,000

- Removal / relocation of telephone box & other obstructions

Major's Farm Road, Datchet £40,000

- Segregated path / quiet route from Ditton Road to Lawn Close

RESERVE SCHEMES:**Kidwells Park to Town Moor, Maidenhead £100,000**

- Toucan crossing
- Segregated path
- Cycle track
- Widened bridge deck

Thrift Lane, Maidenhead £66,000

- Surfacing improvements to bridleway between Cox Green and Holyport

2.6 Developer contributions have been identified that would enable the following schemes to be funded:

- Altwood Road, Maidenhead
- Boyn Grove Park, Maidenhead
- Norreys Drive, Maidenhead
- Monkey Island Lane, Bray
- A308 Maidenhead Road, Windsor

2.7 Funding the programme solely from developer contributions imposes constraints on which schemes can be delivered, since expenditure must relate to the developments from which the contributions have been secured. It will not be possible to progress the schemes in Datchet and Furze Platt, since there are no suitable contributions available, so alternative schemes will have to be found.

2.8 The schemes must also be affordable relative to the contributions available. The reserve schemes cannot be brought forward since there are insufficient funds to deliver the Kidwells Park to Town Moor scheme. Also, the Thrift Lane scheme is now likely to be funded from other sources. This means that alternative schemes will have to be progressed that can be funded from existing developer contributions.

2.9 The Council has been working closely with the Ascot and Sunnings Neighbourhood Planning Group (ASNPG) and has just completed a draft feasibility study looking at cycle routes in the south of the borough, including links between the various settlements and to Charters School.

2.10 There are several S106 Agreements with cycling clauses relating to developments in the Ascot / Sunnings area and it is therefore proposed that once the study has been signed off by the ASNPG, that priorities be agreed and subsequently progressed using the available developer contributions.

2.11 The above schemes represent a programme of around £140k that could readily be delivered in 2013/14 using available developer contributions.

3. Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended that members of the Cycle Forum note and agree the revised set of cycling schemes to be funded and delivered in 2013/14.