

ITEM: 07-CYCLING STRATEGY

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1. Purpose of the Report**1.1 To inform the Cycle Forum about progress in developing a Cycling Strategy for the Royal Borough.****2. Background**

2.1 The Infrastructure Act became law in February 2015 and requires the government to prepare cycling and walking investment strategy for England. On 29 June Transport Minister, Robert Goodwill, instructed officials to begin work on the secondary legislation that is necessary for the cycling strategy law to come into force.

2.2 The national cycling strategy will set out central government's aims for cycling and will say how much funding they are putting aside to meet those aims. It is likely that local authorities will be required to develop their own cycling strategies and investment plans.

2.3 At the last meeting of the Cycle Forum, it was proposed that a local cycling strategy be developed for the Royal Borough to cover the period 2015 to 2020. A suggested approach and structure was presented and amended to take on board comments from those present.

2.4 Work has commenced on a series of area-based action plans, which are based on the Neighbourhood Plan areas. These seek to identify:

- Local cycling destinations
- Existing cycling activity levels / routes used by cyclists
- Existing cycling infrastructure
- Key cycling issues
- Cyclists casualties and patterns
- Proposals for cycling infrastructure / schemes requiring further investigation

2.5 Drafts have been prepared for the following areas and are included in Appendix 1:

- Hurley and the Walthams
- Bisham and Cookham
- Bray
- Eton and Eton Wick
- Datchet
- Horton and Wraysbury

2.6 Drafts for the following areas will be prepared over the summer / autumn:

- Old Windsor
- Ascot and the Sunnings
- Windsor
- Maidenhead

2.7 Members of the Cycle Forum are invited to comment on these initial drafts, either at the Cycle Forum meeting, or via email to transport@rbwm.gov.uk by Friday 31 July. There will be a further opportunity to comment when the strategy is put out to public consultation.

3. Recommendation

3.1 It is recommended that members of the Cycle Forum:

- **note the contents of the report**
- **consider the contents of the draft area action plans and provide feedback by the specified date.**