

ITEM: OPEN FORUM

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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 This report invites ideas and suggestions from Cycle Forum members about future project initiatives and new ways of working that will make best use of local expertise to promote, encourage and enable cycling.

2. Supporting Information**Background**

- 2.1 The Council is aware that the organisations and individuals who attend the Cycle Forum bring significant levels of enthusiasm, knowledge and expertise across a wide range of cycling disciplines, and would like to harness these attributes in order to maximise the benefits for local cyclists.
- 2.2 The current operating model involves the Council taking sole responsibility for setting the agenda, preparing and presenting reports and undertaking all agreed actions. As a vanguard authority for localism, Councillors are keen to encourage much greater input from all parties in order to better capture the views of local stakeholders and make better use of available skills and resources.
- 2.3 Members of the Cycle Forum are therefore invited to consider how they would like to see cycling promoted and enhanced within the Royal Borough, what projects and initiatives they would like to see progressed, and what role they can play in delivering these.
- 2.4 Examples of activities might include:
- Bikeability training for adults / children
 - Led rides
 - Dr Bike sessions
 - Cycle maintenance classes
 - Bike recycling and formal training initiatives
 - Local area cycle audits
 - Reporting issues on cycle routes
 - Adopt a cycle route
 - Monitoring cycling activity
 - Commenting on cycling aspects of major planning applications
 - Researching and presenting best practice case studies
 - Preparing funding bids

- 2.5 This is by no means an exhaustive list and members of the Cycle Forum may have other activities that they wish to put forward for consideration. Some budget could potentially be made available in future years for training or to cover reasonable expenses incurred in progressing agreed initiatives.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 It is recommended that members of the Cycle Forum note the contents of the report and put forward ideas and suggestions for how to make it more effective in future.**