

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING	Cabinet	
MEETING/ DECISION DATE:	16th July 2014	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 2673
TITLE:	Cycle/pedestrian schemes	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: Appendix 1 List of Cycle/Pedestrian Scheme Proposals		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Cabinet approval is sought for the programme of cycle/pedestrian schemes listed at Appendix 1

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet agrees:

- 2.1 The Funding Allocation breakdown across cycling and walking for 2014/15 set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 The £250k budget for cycling and walking schemes for 2014/15 for which provisional funding approval was included within the Council's February 2014 budget report be approved for spend.
- 2.3 The Divisional Director Environmental Services and the Service Manager Highways are delegated authority to alter the programme, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport, as may prove necessary during 2014/15. Any alterations will be within the overall budget allocation and take into account any additional funding streams that become available.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 £250k capital spend was provisionally approved by Council in the February 2014 Budget aimed at encouraging and promoting cycling as part of the healthy living and sustainable transport initiatives. This is funded by Corporately Supported Borrowing.
- 3.2 Maintenance costs of the infrastructure for all the projects listed are estimated at approximately £3k per annum. This includes for example, verge cutting and replacement of signs and lines. This has been discussed with the Highway Maintenance team and it has been agreed that these costs will be met from within the existing highway maintenance budget. At some point in the future there will be a need to replace a more significant amount of the infrastructure, for example, when the resurfacing of a path is necessary. This will need to be considered in the allocation of funding as part of the Council's Budget process in future years.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The implementation of the programme of cycle/pedestrian schemes promotes low carbon travel and healthy lifestyles which reinforces the Council's Values of:
- Promoting independence and positive lives for everyone
 - Creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live
 - Building a stronger economy

4.2 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed. No adverse or other significant issues were found.

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 In 2013 officers drafted a list of aspirations for the cycling network based on their own knowledge and requests from the cycling community. This list was then prioritised mainly on the basis of achievability (prioritising schemes which were generally free from risks associated with land acquisition, legal issues and difficult design issues). In 2013/14 the top priorities were implemented and the next priorities on the list were to be implemented this financial year.
- 5.2 The prioritised list was approved by the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Transport and the Council's Cycling Champion in 2013.
- 5.3 A number of pedestrian improvement schemes have also been included on the list. These were also prioritised on the basis of achievability and available budget.
- 5.4 The list approved by CSG is shown at Appendix 1. A further list (not appended) has been compiled of other cycling schemes and aspirations which have not been included in the list for 2014/15. These schemes will be considered for prioritisation when future funding permits.

6 RATIONALE

6.1 The list of schemes has been approved by relevant Members (see 5.2 above)

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

No other options considered. The process for scheme selection is described in paragraph 6, above.

8 CONSULTATION

8.1 Cabinet Members; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer

8.2 Bath & North East Somerset staff and stakeholders have attended meetings to discuss and suggest schemes to be included in the Cycle Schemes programme. Cabinet Members, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer and all Members have been circulated with the draft report and Appendix 1.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

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