

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Cabinet	
MEETING DATE:	10 July 2013	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 2567
TITLE:	Cycle schemes	
WARD:	All	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		
Appendix 1 List of Cycle Scheme Proposals		

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 Cabinet approval is sought for the programme of cycle schemes listed at Appx 1

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet agrees that:

2.1 Approval is given for the cycle schemes numbers 1-23 inclusive, listed at Appendix 1

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Funding of £500,000 has been provisionally approved in the Capital Programme for the progression of cycle schemes in year 2013/14
- 3.2 A nominal cost of £2,400 per annum has been calculated for maintenance of the new infrastructure provided. These costs will be included in bids for future maintenance budgets. If no additional funding is made available this will create additional pressure on existing resources.

4 CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

- Promoting independence and positive lives for everyone
- Creating neighbourhoods where people are proud to live
- Building a stronger economy

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 Full Council on 19th February 2013 approved in principle a funding package of £500,000 to introduce cycling schemes in B&NES in year 2013/14. Officers subsequently met to draft a wish 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).
- 5.2 The draft list was approved by the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Transport, and the Council's Cycling Champion, and subsequently considered and approved by the Capital Strategy Group on 11th June
- 5.3 The approved list is shown at Appendix 1. Schemes 1 - 23 inclusive have been approved for progression in year 2013/14. A further list (not appended) has been compiled of other cycling schemes and aspirations which have not been prioritised for 2013/14. These schemes will be considered for prioritisation when future funding permits
- 5.4 On 10th April 2013 Cabinet considered a report on Home to School Transport Review, which included the proposal for 2 safe cycling routes to school, between:

Bishop Sutton and Chew valley School, and

Compton Dando and Marksbury

and suggested these proposals be considered as part of the £500,000 cycle schemes funding allocation. As explained in 5.1 above, the list of schemes for 2013/14 has been prioritised mainly on the basis of achievability, due to the tight timescale for delivery. The two cycling routes to school in question are currently aspirational in nature, and could not be delivered in 2013/14 without the prior feasibility and costing exercises being carried out. These schemes have therefore been added to the aspirational list mentioned in 5.3 above, to be progressed when future funding permits.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 The report author and Lead Cabinet member have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

7.1 An EqIA has been completed. No adverse or other significant issues were found.

8 RATIONALE

8.1 The list of schemes has been approved by relevant Members (see 5.2 above) and approved by the Capital Strategy Group

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 No other options considered

10 CONSULTATION

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

10.2 B&NES 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.

11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

11.1 Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability;

12 ADVICE SOUGHT

12.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	
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