

<b>Sustainable Development Select Committee</b>		
Title	Update on Lewisham Cycling Strategy	
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## **1 Summary**

- 1.1 Following on from the Sustainable Development Select Committee report and Lewisham Cyclists' Cycling Strategy presented to Mayor and Cabinet on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016. This report is an update on the progress of developing an adoptable cycling strategy for Lewisham.
- 1.2 Following the recommendations found in the report 'Mayoral response to the sustainable Development Select Committee on the Lewisham Cycling Strategy' dated 10/10/16, Lewisham Council appointed consultants from The Project Centre to work in collaboration with the Lewisham's Transport Policy team and Lewisham cyclists to develop a cycling strategy for Lewisham. An initial draft is proposed for July 2017, and the aspiration is to have the strategy adopted by Mayor and Cabinet by Autumn 2017.

## **2 Purpose of the report**

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Sustainable Development Select Committee with an update on progress of the development of the Lewisham Cycling Strategy.

## **3 Recommendations**

- 3.1 To note the contents of the report.

## **4 Background**

- 4.1 On 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016, the Committee made the following recommendations to the Mayor and Cabinet:

1. The Committee commended Lewisham Cyclists' Lewisham Borough Cycling Strategy to Mayor and Cabinet.
2. The Committee recommended that the strategy be formally adopted as Council Policy and is referred to in the local plan.

## **5 A summary of the Mayoral Response**

- 5.1 The Council recognises that a stand-alone Cycling Strategy for the Borough would enable the Council to expand on the outcomes in the LIP and focus new funding streams to specific projects contained within it. The timing for a new cycling strategy is also well aligned with the future development of a new LIP strategy in 2018.

- 5.2 Therefore, the Council proposes to take the draft Lewisham Cyclists Cycling Strategy and use it to work up a fully developed Borough Cycling Strategy, detailing the current status of the Borough's cycling facilities, infrastructure opportunities based on local and regional priorities, and any potential funding attributed to them. The strategy will also contain a delivery plan for identified projects.
- 5.3 Such a strategy will take time to develop, as baseline data is needed and local opinion canvassed in order to build a document that can guide investment to the correct areas. Below is an indicative timetable for the production of a stand-alone cycling strategy.
- 5.4 Until the strategy has been published and adopted the LIP will continue to form the basis of the borough cycling strategy, however the Council recognises the need for continued investment and has made LIP funding available for high priority, deliverable projects.

#### Timetable for Strategy:

2016/17 – Baseline surveys, Consultation with local cycling groups and development of quick win projects/improvements.

2017/18 – Development and adoption of Lewisham Borough Cycling Strategy

## **6 Officer Update**

- 6.1 The Council has been working with Jereme McKaskill from The Project Centre on the development of the cycling strategy. Jereme has a wealth of experience in not only developing Cycling Strategies, having just completed Tower Hamlets own cycling Strategy but also delivering successful cycling infrastructure projects. Jereme previously was part of the project team delivering Waltham Forest's 'Mini Holland' schemes.
- 6.2 Using Lewisham Cyclist's draft strategy and the Borough's LIP strategy we have started to develop a list of key policies and projects that we want to feature in the strategy. These include: a vision for the strategy; targets and aspirations, including increasing participation; small, medium and large infrastructure projects; background data collection and interpretation, giving a picture of where we are now in order to be able to measure any targets set; and a delivery plan for projects including any identified funding.
- 6.3 We held a workshop with representatives from Lewisham Cyclists in May to discuss the strategy and present work carried out so far. This included baseline data collection of cycle flows and traffic flows for major and minor cycle routes, major transport corridors, mapping of cycle incident data and priority identification for projects and targets.
- 6.4 The development of the strategy has been progressing well and as a result, we are on course to meet the timeline set out above. We are therefore confident that we will have a draft strategy ready for distribution to the SDSC a week before your 19<sup>th</sup> July sitting. This will then give yourselves and other key stakeholders such as Lewisham Cyclists time to offer feedback and any amendments to be made to the strategy. We then hope to be in a position to present the draft strategy to Mayor and Cabinet sometime in the Autumn for formal adoption consideration.

## **7 Financial Implications**

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this response. The Council has committed to funding the development of a Cycling Strategy through the LIP “Local Transport Funding” budget. However, financial resources may be required in the future to develop aspects of the ideas and proposals set out in this report. Where new projects and funding gaps are identified requests for such resources will be considered at an appropriate time.

## **8 Legal Implications**

- 8.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report

## **9 Crime and Disorder Implications**

- 9.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

## **10 Equalities Implications**

- 10.1 The Council’s Comprehensive Equality Scheme for 2016-2020 will provide an overarching framework and focus for the Council's work on equalities and help ensure compliance with the Equality Act 2010.
- 10.2 An Equalities Analysis Assessment has been developed alongside the LIP to ensure that any potential adverse impacts were fully considered and, where necessary, appropriate changes made. The overall findings of the assessment were that the proposals within the LIP do not discriminate or have significant adverse impacts on any of the protected characteristics.
- 10.3 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this response, however, an assessment of differential impact on equalities would be required at such time as detailed proposals are considered.

## **11 Environmental Implications**

- 11.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from this response.

## **12 Background Papers and originator**

- 12.1 M&C Report, Matters referred by Sustainable Development Select Committee Select Committee – Mayoral response to the Sustainable Development Select Committee on the Lewisham Cyclists’ Cycling Strategy, 19 October 2016  
<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s45905/Response%20SDSC%20Lewisham%20Cycling%20Strategy.pdf>
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