



Planning and Transport Committee

Date: 6 July 2020

Title: Government's Cycling Strategy

Purpose of the Report: To provide Members with an update regarding the Government's cycling strategy

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Corporate Objective/s		To recognise and embrace the growth of our community and to seek to influence the local authority and partners to ensure adequate infrastructure provision.
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1. RECOMMENDATION

Should Members be minded:-

1.1 To note the Report

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 As a cycling town, the news that the Government has reaffirmed its commitment to greener active transport is welcomed. On 9th May 2020, Transport Secretary Grant Shapps announced a series of measures including pop-up bike lanes, wider pavements, safer junctions and cycle and bus-only corridors as part of a £2 billion investment in local infrastructure. It is anticipated that an updated cycling and investment strategy will be launched by the Prime Minister this summer. Its aim, to double cycling and walking by 2025 by:-

- The creation of a national cycling and walking commissioner and inspectorate
- Higher standards for permanent infrastructure across England
- Getting GP's to prescribe cycling as exercise
- Creating a long-term budget for cycling and walking

2.2 More details on the announcement together with further information can be found at:- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/2-billion-package-to-create-new-era-for-cycling-and-walking>

2.3 In accordance with the objective as set out within its 5 Year Plan, the Town Council will continue to lobby the Principal Authority in the provision of adequate and timely infrastructure. In this case, upgrades to cycling infrastructure to meet the aims as set out by Central Government.

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