

Title of meeting: Traffic and Transportation - Decision Meeting

Date of meeting: 24/02/2022

Subject: Portsmouth City Council Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan 2021 - 2031

Report by: Tristan Samuels - Director of Regeneration

Wards affected: ALL

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. This report builds on the previous Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan report presented to the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation dated 16 July 2020¹.
- 1.2. The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Cabinet Member for the adoption of the Portsmouth Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), daughter document of the Portsmouth LTP4, following external consultation.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Traffic and Transportation:

- 2.1 Notes the results of the consultation held between September 2020 and November 2020;
- 2.2 Approves the Portsmouth LCWIP that has been developed in response to the consultation findings as the "Portsmouth Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan and Summary Document" and recognises that this document will form the basis of the city's Active Travel development strategy during the lifetime of the LTP4 policy.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Portsmouth LCWIP sets out the strategic approach for improving walking and cycling to support the Governments strategy of increasing walking and cycling trips. It proposes a range of short, medium, and longer-term infrastructure improvements for future investment, ensuring consideration is given to active travel modes at a local level. Further information regarding the background to LCWIPs can be found here: <https://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/documents/s27429/Local%20Cycling%20Walking%20Infrastructure%20Plan.pdf>.
- 3.2. Although not a statutory requirement, the Department for Transport have stated in the LCWIP Technical Guidance that those Local Authorities who have plans in place will be

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'...well placed to make the case for future investment'².

- 3.3. As previously noted in the LCWIP Traffic and Transportation report dated 16 July 2020³, '... The LCWIP highlights the Walking and Cycling Infrastructure priorities in Portsmouth, emphasising the need to create a coherent and legible active travel network that encourages usage city-wide.'
- 3.4. To ensure the proposals outlined in the LCWIP match the expectation of stakeholders, a six-week public consultation on the draft document for Portsmouth was held between September and November 2020. This provided an opportunity for all interested parties to influence and shape the development of the Portsmouth LCWIP.

4. Results from the Consultation

- 4.1. In total, 626 responses were provided to the questionnaire during this period. A report analysing the feedback received can be found in Appendix A.
- 4.2. The revised draft LCWIP summary document, as attached in Appendix B, has been reviewed and changes made considering the results of the consultation.
- 4.3. In addition to a redesign in line with the LTP4 transport strategy⁴ published in 2021, the key changes from the six-week consultation are as follows:
- Addition of a map outlining the Secondary and Tertiary network of cycling routes which will be developed, audited, and prioritised in forthcoming LCWIP's,
 - Addition of a map highlighting the Key Walking Routes identified during the audit process that will be developed and prioritised in forthcoming LCWIP's;
 - Amendments to the Short, Medium and Long-Term cycling priority map, highlighting areas where no identified improvements have been recognised, and the inclusion of a missing link, previously omitted;
 - Clarification regarding future iterations of the LCWIP and scheme design requirements.

5. Reasons for recommendations

- 5.1. Through the adoption of the Portsmouth LCWIP, the authority will have an identified set of infrastructure improvements for both walking and cycling that can be used as a basis for future funding covering the short, medium, and long term.
- 5.2. Additionally, the adoption of the LCWIP will ensure that consideration will be given to active travel measures when local planning and transport policies and strategy documents are developed.

² https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/607016/cycling-walking-infrastructure-technical-guidance.pdf

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<https://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/documents/s27429/Local%20Cycling%20Walking%20Infrastructure%20Plan.pdf>

⁴ <https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/74.633-Local-Transport-Plan-2021-Final-Accessible.pdf>

6. Integrated impact assessment

6.1 An IIA has been undertaken for the LCWIP, see Appendix D.

7. Legal implications

7.1 Although the development of Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) by local authorities is non-statutory it is promoted by central government policy.

7.2 The development of LCWIPs has clear synergies with the carrying out of the statutory functions of the Council, in particular its duties and functions as a local transport authority in relation to local transport plans ("LTPs") under the Transport Act 2000 and as a local planning authority in relation to local planning policy under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

8. Director of Finance's comments

8.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of the recommendations within this report. The LCWIP plan has been devised using cash limited resources.

8.2 As a result of the strategy being adopted there may be some physical works that are required to deliver interventions on the network to help achieve this. These are as yet unknown and funding will need to be identified dependent on the interventions required.

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Signed by: Tristan Samuels, Director of Regeneration

Appendices:

- **Appendix A** - <https://yourcityyoursay.portsmouth.gov.uk/local-cycling-and-walking-plan-lcwip-consultation-analysis/>
- **Appendix B** - Portsmouth Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Summary Document
- **Appendix C** - Portsmouth City Council Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Background Report
- **Appendix D** - Integrated Impact Assessment

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Technical Guidance for Local Authorities	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/607016/cycling-walking-infrastructure-technical-guidance.pdf
Traffic and Transportation LCWIP Report July 2020	https://democracy.portsmouth.gov.uk/documents/s27429/Local%20Cycling%20Walking%20Infrastructure%20Plan.pdf
Portsmouth LTP4	https://www.portsmouth.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/74.633-Local-Transport-Plan-2021-Final-Accessible.pdf

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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