



Agenda Item 8

Report to Economic and Environmental Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

12th February 2014

Report of: Cycling Inquiry Task and Finish Group

Subject: Cycling Inquiry Update

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Summary:

This report provides an update on the work of the Cycling Inquiry Task and Finish Group. It provides a set of draft recommendations for the full Committee to comment on.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	X
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Comment on the draft recommendations
 - Delegate to the Task and Finish Group, through the Chair the task of compiling the final report with recommendations amended in line with the Committee's comments
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Background Papers:

Category of Report: OPEN

Report of the Cycling Inquiry Task and Finish Group

Cycling Inquiry Update Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the work on the Cycling Inquiry and asks the Committee to comment on the draft recommendation from the Task and Finish Group.

2 Process

- 2.1 As a brief recap the process has been:
- The Terms of Reference were agreed at the Committee's September meeting. This is attached as Appendix A.
 - There was a public Call for Evidence which received over 260 responses. The questions are attached as Appendix B.
 - An Oral Evidence session at the Committee's December meeting. The minutes of this meeting are provided in the elsewhere in the papers.
- 2.2 A Task and Finish Group has been leading on this work. Mirroring the national report 'Get Britain Cycling' this has been a cross-party approach. The membership of the Group is
- Cllr Cate McDonald
 - Cllr Ian Auckland
 - Cllr Tim Rippon
 - Mick Nott, Cycle Sheffield
 - Dick Proctor, Transport Vision and Strategy Manager
 - Matthew Borland, Policy and Improvement Officer

3 Next Steps

- 3.1 Following the Committee's meeting on 12th February the Task Group will produce the final report in line with the Committee's comments on the recommendations. A full copy will be circulated to members of the Committee with the final report will go to Cabinet by April 2014. The Cabinet Member will be asked to respond in detail through a separate report to Cabinet.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to
- Comment on the draft recommendations
 - Delegate to the Task and Finish Group, through the Chair the task of compiling the final report with recommendations amended in line with the Committee's comments

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Inquiry on Cycling in Sheffield

Terms of Reference

The Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee has set up an Inquiry to look at cycling in Sheffield.

The terms of reference for the Inquiry are:

- To request and review written and oral evidence from a cross-section of people and organisations in the city with respect to cycling. This will include considering what measures have worked successfully within the city and elsewhere, and why they have worked.
- To identify measures to broaden and increase participation in cycling in Sheffield, with a particular emphasis on the economic, health and environmental impacts of these measures.
- To propose an updated vision and strategic approach to cycling in Sheffield in early 2014.
- To produce a report summarising the points above and identifying the next steps for the Council and partners.

The Council's Cabinet Member for Business, Skills and Development will be asked to respond to the report, setting out which parts of the report the Council will implement and over what timescale.

A representative from Cycle Sheffield will act as a voluntary adviser to the Inquiry. A City Council Policy and Improvement Officer who supports the Scrutiny Committee and a specialist from the City Council's Transport Planning team will provide support to the Inquiry.

The Inquiry will operate along lines similar to that of a Parliamentary Select Committee, mounting a short focussed inquiry, taking evidence and producing a final report.

**Economic and Environmental Wellbeing
Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee**

Cycling Inquiry

Call for Evidence

Cycling more than doubled in Sheffield between 2000 and 2011

1. What specific actions have helped the city achieve this growth?
2. What specific barriers prevent people from cycling or from cycling more frequently?
3. What evidence is there from other large cities or towns (in the UK or abroad) on broadening and increasing participation in cycling, with a particular emphasis on improving the economic, health and environmental impacts?
4. What in your view are the top three actions that would broaden and increase cycling in Sheffield?

You are very welcome to submit existing documents as an appendix or links to websites that provide evidence. However, can you please limit a summary of your submission to a maximum of four sides of A4 that references the relevant part of an appendix or of a website that supports your submission.

The Committee will hear oral evidence at a public meeting on 11th December 2013 beginning at 4.30pm. Clearly not everyone who submits written evidence will be able to give oral evidence. However, the Committee may invite you to give oral evidence as well, so you may wish to pencil the date in your diary.

The Committee plans to publish all the responses received. If you do not want your response published can you please indicate this clearly and explain the reason why.

To submit evidence or for more information about the work of the Inquiry please contact Matthew Borland:

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