



# STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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### OFFICER REPORT

<b>NAME OF REPORT UPDATE</b>	Walking and Cycling Task & Finish Group Recommendations – Officer update on progress
<b>BRIEF REPORT</b>	
<p>There has been good progress regarding strategic and local projects throughout the district, both on the ground and at the planning stage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Newman Henders Bridge on the Nailsworth-Dudbridge cycle way has been completely replaced utilising CIL funds and the Walking and Cycling capital budget.</li><li>• Feasibility work for the Wotton-Kingswood-Charfield Greenway has been completed. Further capital budget has been allocated to allow for land survey work, and the project is being taken forward as part of the UKSPF bid to fund detailed design work.</li><li>• Several Parish Councils have been contacted following the submission of potential local projects identified through the prioritisation tool developed as part of the Walking and Cycling Task and Finish Group. Funding from the capital budget has been approved for local projects within Nailsworth (bike pump station, cycle storage and street closures for weekly markets). Costs are being finalised with a view to allocating further capital funds for projects in Stonehouse, Wotton-under-Edge, Eastington, and Brimscombe.</li><li>• A meeting has been held with Berkley Town Council and their Town Centre working group to look at possible funding streams for their proposed scheme to remodel the town centre for improved accessibility and regeneration.</li><li>• Discussions are underway with GCC to improve the safety of the Stonehouse to Stroud bike path.</li><li>• SDC officers with a working interest in walking and cycling in the district have formed an officers group to assist cross-council working on cycling and walking projects.</li><li>• A walking and cycling event for Parish Councils and local cycling groups is being planned for the autumn in partnership with Active Gloucestershire.</li><li>• Following the adoption of the Stroud Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), the Cam and Dursley LCWIP has been published following input from SDC.</li><li>• An application has been made to BYCS, the global NGO leading on the Cycling Mayor initiative with a view to commencing the process for electing a Cycling Mayor for the Stroud District.</li><li>• SDC has held a Cycling Week for staff providing events such as free bike maintenance and assertive cycling training.</li><li>• A meeting has been held with the Countywide Climate Change Co-ordinator to discuss the role of Active Travel in Stroud for the wider Climate Leadership Gloucestershire agenda.</li></ul>	
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