



SOUTH
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Increasing cycling in the District (external presentation)

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Approved by:

Councillor Nicola Manterfield, Chair of Environment
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

1. To note the contents of the external presentation provided by Sustrans
2. To offer recommendations for improving cycling within the district and amongst SKDC colleagues and Councillors

1 Background

- 1.1 Councillors requested an item to Committee, with external contribution from the cycling charity and custodians of the national cycle network – Sustrans.
- 1.2 The aim of the item is to discuss ideas for increasing cycling uptake within the district, which would potentially lead to improved air quality, healthier citizens, reduced vehicle fuel consumption, reduced carbon emissions and savings in fuel costs.
- 1.3 The requested scope for discussion on this item is as follows:
 - 1.3.1 Exploration and discussion of existing and potential initiatives to encourage SKDC staff to cycle including: discounted cycle purchase schemes; cycle to work day; availability and condition of cycle storage facilities; feedback from regular staff cyclists.
 - 1.3.2 Exploration and discussion of potential initiatives to promote cycling within South Kesteven.
 - 1.3.3 Exploration and discussion around the potential for embedding cycle-friendly highway design into the local planning process.
 - 1.3.4 Review of recent Government initiatives to promote walking and cycling.

2 Financial Implications

- 2.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report however if any of the recommendations have financial implications these will be brought forward in a separate report for consideration.

Financial Implications reviewed by: Alison Hall-Wright, Head of Finance

3 Legal and Governance Implications

- 3.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications reviewed by: Shahin Ismail, Director of Law and Governance

4 Equality and Safeguarding Implications

- 4.1 There are no equalities implications at this time, however if any recommendations are made as a result of the presentation from Sustrans, accessibility and safety for all citizens will need to be considered and addressed as part of any proposals.

Equality and Safeguarding Implications reviewed by: Carol Drury, Senior Community Development Officer

5 Risk and Mitigation

- 5.1 None.

6 Community Safety Implications

- 6.1 None.

7 How will the recommendations support South Kesteven District Council's declaration of a climate emergency?

- 7.1 There are currently no impacts on the Council's declared climate emergency. If any recommendations are made which would potentially increase cycling uptake within the

district, this would also have a neutral impact on the Council's direct carbon emissions, as personal transport emissions are not included within the baseline measurement of our carbon footprint. However, any such measures may well be beneficial for district as a whole and help to reduce emissions from transport.

Climate Emergency Implications reviewed by: Serena Brown, Sustainability and Climate Change Officer

8 Other Implications (where significant)

8.1 None.

9 Background Information and appendices

9.1 £2bn cycling and walking investment nationally, announced in April 2020:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-kickstarts-2bn-cycling-and-walking-revolution>

9.2 Sustrans website: <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/>

9.3 Presentation from Sustrans (to follow) – appendix 1

9.4 Results from staff travel survey (to follow) – appendix 2