

## **Report of the Strategic Director of Place to the meeting of Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

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### **Subject:**

**Bradford District Cycle Strategy 2016 - 2026 – Action Plan - Top 10 Priorities**

### **Summary statement:**

'Keeping the Wheels Spinning' – Bradford District Cycle Strategy 2016-2026, co-produced with the local cycling community, key cycling charities and the Council, was endorsed by Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny committee on 18 April 2017 and endorsed by meeting of Executive on 17 November 2017.

This report provides an update on progress with implementing the Bradford District Cycle Strategy and Action Plan – Top 10 Priorities in accordance with the resolution at the meeting of this Committee on 17 April 2017 that a progress report on the key performance indicators and Action Plan be presented in twelve months.

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## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 'Keeping the Wheels Spinning' – Bradford District Cycle Strategy 2016-2026, co-produced with the local cycling community, key cycling charities and the Council, was endorsed by Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny committee in April 2017 and endorsed by meeting of Executive on 17 November 2017.
- 1.2 This report provides an update on progress with implementing the Bradford District Cycle Strategy and Action Plan – Top 10 Priorities in accordance with the resolution from the meeting of this Committee on 17 April 2017 that a progress report on the key performance indicators and Action Plan be presented in twelve months.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Action Plan is a 'live' document which is intended to function as a catch all for the aspirations of cycling development work in the District. As highlighted in the previous report to this Committee on 18 April 2017, it was proposed that an Action Plan 'Top 10 Priorities' list should form the basis of future reporting to the Committee – to present the key issues as understood by the cycling community, raise awareness of these issues within the authority and explore possible solutions to which the authority might be able to contribute towards or progress.

## **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 This report is accompanied by Appendix 1 - 'Action Plan - Top 10 Priorities' which has been recommended by the meeting of B-Spoke, the Bradford Cycle Forum which took place on 19 February 2018. The 'Action Plan Top 10 Priorities' seeks to capture the key issues of concern by the cycling community in order to focus the discussions at the committee and inform the authorities work and that of partners and stakeholders .
- 3.2 The Action Plan Top 10 Priorities, , is set out in relation to the objectives as set out in the endorsed 'Keeping the Wheels Spinning' – Bradford District Cycle Strategy 2016-2026. The key issues and opportunities, as listed in the Top 10 Priorities, will form the basis for discussion at the O&S committee meeting on 17 April 2018 with members, officers from the Council and members of BeSpoke – the Bradford Cycle forum. The Objectives are
  - 1A. Strategic Route Development
  - 1B. Local Network Development
  - 1C. Wayfinding and Maintenance
  - 1D. Destination Infrastructure
  - 2A. Championing Cycling
  - 2B. Cycling Training
  - 2C. Support for Cycling events & activities
  - 3A. Advertising and promotion
  - 3B. Educating partners
  - 3C. Leadership, responsibility & delegation

- 3.3 It must be noted that the Strategy was endorsed by Environment & Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny committee on 18 April 2017 and endorsed by meeting of Executive on 17 November 2017 rather than formally adopted. This means that the contents of the strategy and the subsequent Action Plan 'Top 10 Priorities' are not binding on the Council but also that the partnership behind it has relative freedom to set out their own ambitions for cycling development in the Bradford District.
- 3.4 It is noted that some of the actions of the Action Plan may lead to other documents being produced that could be formally adopted by the authority and in turn appended to the strategy (e.g. a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, Route Network Strategy) subject to appropriate political scrutiny.

#### **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

- 4.1 The Action Plan – 'Top 10 Priorities' does not place any direct obligation on the Council in terms of finance or resource. It is likely that partner expectation in relation to delivery may increase in association with this document however this will be managed as set out in section 5 below.

#### **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

If there are no significant risks arising out of the implementation of the proposed recommendations.

#### **6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

There are no direct legal implications arising from this Report but the Council does have powers under the Cycle Tracks Act 1984, Highways Act 1980, Traffic Regulation Orders and the general power of competence contained in S.1 of the Localism Act to facilitate cycling within it's area.

#### **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

None

##### **7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

None.

##### **7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

Positive impact in encouraging sustainable travel behaviours and healthy lifestyles

##### **7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

Positive impact in encouraging sustainable travel behaviours and healthy lifestyles

##### **7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

Cycling can and does have a relationship to safety, particularly in highway contexts. A key onus of various elements in the endorsed Bradford District Cycle Strategy is to improve cycling safety with infrastructure and training opportunity improvements.

**7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

None

**7.6 TRADE UNION**

None

**7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

The Bradford District Cycle Strategy and Action Plan Top 10 Priorities has implications on all wards across the Bradford District

**7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS  
(for reports to Area Committees only)**

N/A

**8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

None

**9. OPTIONS**

That the members of the O&S committee note the progress being made on the Bradford District Cycle Strategy and the issues and opportunities highlighted by Be-Spoke in Action Plan 'Top 10 Priorities' in Appendix 1.

**10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That the content of the Action Plan 'Top 10 Priorities' as recommended by meeting of B-Spoke on 19 February 2018 (Appendix 1 to Document "AK") be noted.

10.2 That officers from Planning, Transportation and Highway Service be requested to meet with members of B-Spoke – the Bradford Cycle Forum at their quarterly meetings as appropriate in order to work in partnership to deliver on common objectives in accordance with the 'Keeping the Wheels Spinning' – Bradford District Cycle Strategy 2016-2026

**11. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Action Plan Top 10 Priorities as recommended by meeting of B-Spoke on 19 February 2018.

**12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

'Keeping the Wheels Spinning' – Bradford District Cycle Strategy 2016-2026