



**Prosperous Communities
Committee**

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Subject: Gainsborough Cycling and Walking Network Plan

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Purpose / Summary:	To present and endorse the Gainsborough Cycling and Walking Network Plan produced by Lincolnshire County Council.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Members: -

1. Adopt the Gainsborough Cycling and Walking Network Plan 2021 for use by officers on related projects and future decision making.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

There are no legal implications. The endorsement of the plan does not constitute a legally binding commitment or agreement. Any future works delivered by WLDC or in partnership with LCC and other stakeholders relating to this plan will be subject to any legal considerations as required.

Financial : FIN/21/22/B

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Staffing :

There are no staffing implications.

(N.B.) Where there are staffing implications the report MUST have a HR Ref

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

Not applicable.

Data Protection Implications :

Not applicable.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:

Endorsement of the plan will contribute towards the Council's commitment around promotion and enhancement of cycling and walking as a viable transport option for residents in Gainsborough. The plan includes guidance for the best practice on future works meeting set environmental standards. Whilst the plan does not detail specific climate outcomes, any subsequent works to improve cycling and walking opportunities will have a direct impact.

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:

Not applicable.

Health Implications:

The plan acknowledges the potential health benefits of residents being able to access suitable cycling and walking opportunities. Whilst the plan does not contain specific health related outcomes, it does set a clear approach and best practice for future works to ensure new or improved cycling and walking routes meet multiple needs of residents including better health.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report :

Risk Assessment :

N/A

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

x

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

x

1. Introduction

1.1 Lincolnshire County Council has commissioned the production of the Gainsborough Cycling and Walking Network Plan. This document has been produced by WSP and the report was finalised in March 2021.

1.2 The plan has been produced to:

- Take advantage of future and additional funding streams;
- Maximise the best opportunities for improving cycling and walking rates;
- Make cycling and walking a priority and make Gainsborough one of the best towns in the UK for cycling and walking.

1.3 The objectives of the plan are to:

- Produce an evidence-based infrastructure network plan;
- Identify early network investment priorities and potential interventions;
- Secure stakeholder “buy-in” for the network and potential interventions;
- Provide high-level feasibility for investment in the highest priority cycling and walking infrastructure.

1.4 The final report is enclosed as Appendix 1 with this report:

APPENDIX 1 Gainsborough Cycling and Walking Network Plan

1.5 This report presents the plan for adoption by the Council and to seek commitment to support the delivery of identified interventions working in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council and other stakeholders.

2. Policy Position

2.1 The plan has been produced with due regard to the Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (DFT 2017). Local policy work, some of which is being led by West Lindsey District Council, has also been reviewed to support the plan’s production.

2.2 The following key localised policy and strategic documents have been taken into consideration during the production of the plan:

- Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Lincolnshire (LCC 2018)
- Gainsborough Neighbourhood Plan
- Gainsborough Transport Strategy
- Green Infrastructure Study (Gainsborough Town Council 2018)
- Gainsborough Town Centre Heritage Masterplan (WLDC)

- 2.3 The Council will be able to utilise the plan in future work such as:
- Levelling Up Fund bid and associated works
 - Townscape Heritage
 - Green and Open Space management and improvement works
- 2.4 The Gainsborough Transport Strategy board will continue to provide oversight of any future transport initiatives and will utilise this plan where appropriate in supporting design and delivery decisions.

3. Transport and Connectivity Programme

- 3.1 During 2021 a refreshed Transport & Connectivity Delivery Plan will be produced. This will set out the Council's own activities linked to transport and connectivity along with actions working with partners and stakeholders. The new plan will be incorporated into this work and help shape future interventions and activity. This is currently scheduled to be presented to Prosperous Communities Committee in September 2021.
- 3.2 In addition to this plan being created for Gainsborough, officers are actively engaged with other work to promote and enhance walking and cycling opportunities across the district. Regular officer liaison is taking place with Lincolnshire County Council to explore opportunities for developing walking and cycling plans in other communities. The Council is also actively engaged with current work to establish a new Lincolnshire Walking Strategy.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Adopt the Gainsborough Cycling and Walking Network Plan 2021 for use by officers on related projects and future decision making.