

PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLING SAFETY

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To allow the Scrutiny Committee to consider the current situation regarding cycling and pedestrian safety in the Vale.

2 Recommendation

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| 2.1 | Following a road safety presentation from County Council Officers, the Scrutiny Committee is requested to indicate any comments they might have, or further work that they may wish to undertake on this topic. |
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2 Executive summary

- 2.1 In recent years cycling has grown in popularity for both work and pleasure use. Cycling is being encouraged by the government and other agencies to emphasise the benefits in improved physical activity together with the reduction in air pollution, emissions and motor traffic congestion. Increased popularity of cycling has also been helped by the recent success of British cyclists in the London Olympics and the Tour de France. More locally, the use of cycling in tourism has also been promoted as a good way of exploring the District and beyond. For example, the Gemstone Cycle network provides nine cycle routes that have direct and safe cycle access to the town centre from residential areas in and around Aylesbury.
- 2.2 However, as the number of cyclists has grown, the overall safety of cyclists has been highlighted. As such, the Scrutiny Committee agreed to look at cycling and pedestrian safety as part of its future work programme.
- 2.3 Sue Brown and Peter Chapman from the County Council's Road Safety team (Transport for Buckinghamshire) will be attending the meeting to provide Members with information on the current local statistics regarding road safety, the road safety team's role in responding to issues and trends, and how they work with other services.
- 2.4 Following the Officers' presentation, Members are requested to indicate any comments they might have, or further work they may wish to undertake on this topic.

3 Response to Key Aims and Objectives

- 3.1 The Corporate Plan contains the objective of improving participation in leisure and cultural activities across the Vale.

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Background Documents

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None