

Climate Change Member Advisory Group
10 November 2022
Item 4. Active Travel Sub Group

The Council's Climate Change Action Plan includes a range of actions for Transport, Travel and Digital Connectivity. These include developing Active Travel schemes and plans and promoting behavioural change through walking and cycling initiatives, linked to the delivery of effective infrastructure.

The Climate Change Member Advisory Group is recommended to approve the establishment of an Active Travel sub-group, comprising officers and Members. This would bring together all existing and future Active Travel workstreams from across the Council in a strategic way and ensure the Council is working in a consistent manner with clear targets and outcomes against the actions in the plan. A sub-group would be particularly useful in supporting the development of Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Demonstrating local leadership and support for Active Travel would also assist the Council with any future bids for funding schemes and initiatives.

Membership of the Active Travel sub-group is proposed to comprise officers and three Member representatives from the Climate Change Advisory Board, with group representation aligning with the ratio of the main Board. It is recommended that the overall purpose of the sub-group would be to provide direction to the Climate Change Member Advisory Group on the development and progress of Active Travel in Medway. The following terms of reference for the group are suggested:

- To agree the overall strategy for the development and delivery of schemes and plans to facilitate Active Travel in Medway, including the promotion of behavioural change through walking and cycling initiatives, and the identification and delivery of effective infrastructure.
- To provide direction on emerging opportunities for Active Travel schemes and initiatives, and future funding opportunities
- To review, analyse and scrutinise progress of Active travel schemes and initiatives
- To report back to the Climate Change Member Advisory Board on progress against the actions in the plan

Subject to the agreement of the Board, it is proposed that the sub-group would meet on a quarterly basis, with the first meeting held in January 2023.