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LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS (LCWIPs): CHIPPENHAM, DEVIZES, TROWBRIDGE

Purpose of Report

This report outlines the progress made on the LCWIPs for Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge. It summarises the work program, consultation undertaken and seeks member approval for the LCWIPs, and priority schemes put forward for each town.

Consultation

The LCWIPs were the subject of extensive consultation which included the formation of steering groups, public and stakeholder engagement in the early part of the plan development followed by full public consultation on the draft final report.

Options Considered

No other options have been considered. It is clear that the government requires all walking and cycling schemes to be developed as part of a systematic, evidence-based network of routes using the LCWIP methodology. Without the provenance of an LCWIP it is unlikely that any capital scheme bids will be successful in attracting government capital funding to enable implementation.

Reason for Decision

Adopted LCWIPs are a key prerequisite for unlocking government funding through Active Travel England (ATE). Failure to develop and adopt LCWIPs will significantly reduce the chance of successful funding bids and is likely to harm the Council's ambitious aspirations on active travel, climate change, air pollution and health and wellbeing objectives.

INTENTION TO MAKE DECISION

Following consultation with officers I give notice that I intend to make the decision set out in the attached report. If you would like to make any representations to me on this issue, please do so by 22 April 2024.

The following report and appendices are attached:

Appendix 1 – Public Consultation Report Summer 2023

The following supporting documents are available from the officer named above:

Draft LCWIPs for Chippenham, Devizes and Trowbridge

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**Cllr Tamara Reay
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Date:.....15/4/24.....