

## **Updating Faversham Local Cycling Walking and Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and Faversham Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)**

### Introduction

The LCWIP is a plan for improving cycling and walking in the town, developed through a process of data review, consultation and professional assessment. The Highways Authority, Planning Authority and developers are expected to take note of it in assessing new development and agreeing S106 funding proposals. The Faversham LCWIP includes a prioritised list of more than 50 local potential interventions aimed at making it easier to cycle and walk round the town.

The HIP is a priority list of highways interventions that the TC wants KCC the Highways Authority to fund. It can include interventions that are not directly related to cycling and walking, drainage improvements for example, and is reviewed at an annual meeting with KCC officers.

At its last meeting the committee agreed to update these two plans and make sure that there was the maximum level of coherence between them.

### Timetable

The HIP review with KCC is likely to be scheduled for October, so it needs to be revised by then. There is also a need to review the LCWIP for a number of reasons – some interventions have been included in the East West Walking Route, which is due to be implemented during the year, others are being designed as part the North South walking Route project, additional feedback was received from the public during the public exhibition on the East West Walking Route in November/December and developers (most notably the Duchy of Cornwall) have come forward with proposals for new interventions.

If both plans are to be revised by the end of September, it would be sensible to aim to sign them off at the September meeting of the Committee. To achieve this the following timetable is suggested:

- May/early June: Initial review and revision of plans
- Late June/July: consultation with LCWIP Working Group and Committee on draft plans
- August: preparation of final plans
- September: Committee signs off plans

### Resourcing

The committee has agreed a budget of upto £4,500 for the review and revision of these plans. A large percentage of the work on the original LCWIP was carried out by Adrian Berendt of Berendt Consulting and he has also been employed by the Town Council to manage the Commonplace consultation on implementing the 20mph scheme, make initial revisions of the plan and provide support during negotiations with KCC over the East West Walking Route. The proposal would be that he is asked to carry out these revisions in order to maximise cost effectiveness and minimise risk. The work would be managed through a contract with payment linked to the achievement of outcomes.

### Proposal

That the committee endorse this approach.