
**TITLE: BUS SERVICES AND CYCLING AND WALKING ROUTES
CONSULTATION UPDATE**

Committee: Finance & Assets Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To receive an update on the Bus Services and Cycling and Walking Routes consultation.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 Members are requested to note the report.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The aim of the Bus Services and Cycling and Walking Routes consultation was to identify key bus services, identify new cycling and walking routes and obtain feedback regarding existing cycle paths/footpaths that are in disrepair and where safe crossing points are needed.

3.2 The consultation commenced on 9th March and ended on 31st May. The deadline was extended by 6 weeks, due to the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions resulting in the closure of many of the drop-box locations.

3.3 The questionnaire was available online on the District Council website and a copy was delivered by Royal Mail to every home in the district. Drop-boxes to enable people to return their questionnaire locally were provided in shops, pubs and community facilities.

3.4 District Councillors also arranged sessions to meet with local residents and capture their proposals for new bus, cycling and walking routes. However, the majority of these were cancelled as a result to the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

4.1 The following number of responses was received for each of the questionnaires:

- Bus services questionnaire – 1,458 responses
- Cycling questionnaire – 1,186 responses
- Walking questionnaire – 866 responses

4.2 In addition to the questionnaire responses, 44 emails containing comments were received via the buscyclewalk@eastcambs.gov.uk email address and a number of bus, cycling and walking related comments were received by the Council via the Climate Change Ideas Forum. All of these comments will be incorporated into the consultation feedback report.

4.3 Officers are currently analysing the feedback received. The bus services consultation feedback will be presented to a future meeting of the Bus Services Review Working Party, the cycling and walking feedback will be presented to a future meeting of the COVID-19 Working Party.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.2 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required.

5.3 Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) not required.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 None.

<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
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