

## Meeting: Environment Sub-Committee

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<b>Wards affected:</b>	All	

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### 1. Purpose of Report

To provide the Sub-Committee with an overview of the current position in respect of cycling in North Tyneside, including the North Tyneside Cycling Strategy, and Public Rights of Way (PRoW).

### 2. Details

Officers will deliver a presentation on the subjects of cycling and the North Tyneside Cycling Strategy, and Public Rights of Way (PRoW). This will provide an overview of the current position with respect to each subject, brief details of which are set out below.

#### a. Cycling and the North Tyneside Cycling Strategy

North Tyneside's growth in cycling over the last decade has been the highest in Tyne and Wear and growth has been higher in the working week, indicating a strong demand for commuter and general purpose cycling as well as leisure cycling. A wider interest in cycling more generally is reflected in recent calls for cycling improvements at a national level, e.g. in the 'Get Britain Cycling' report published by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cycling.

The North Tyneside Cycling Strategy 2010-14 is the first part of a '2030 Vision' to work towards making North Tyneside the North East's cycling borough by 2030. Key objectives of the 2030 Vision are to:

- i. Provide a seamless, on-road and off-road strategic network for cycling in North Tyneside
- ii. Promote cycling to residents and visitors as a healthy, sustainable travel option
- iii. Provide links to the National Cycle Network and other neighbouring networks
- iv. Put in place the infrastructure to support large-scale cycling, e.g. cycle parking
- v. Offer on-road cycle training to all North Tyneside residents
- vi. Promote equality, accessibility and independent mobility for all

Work on a revised Cycling Strategy is to be undertaken during 2014/15.

## **b. Public Rights of Way (PRoW)**

As highway authority for North Tyneside, the Authority is subject to a statutory duty under the Highways Act 1980 (as amended) to “assert and protect the rights of public to the use and enjoyment of any highway including a duty to prevent, as far as possible, the stopping up or obstruction of all highways”.

Each highway authority maintains the Definitive Map and Statement, which are the legal record of public rights of way. There are however many routes for which a public right of way may have become established but which are not on the Definitive Map. Such routes should be added to the Definitive Map by the national ‘cut-off date’ of 1 January 2026. A process of investigation and negotiation is generally involved before each such route can be added to the Definitive Map.

## **3. Background Information**

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author.

North Tyneside Cycling Strategy 2010-14

[http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browse.shtml?p\\_subjectCategory=588](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browse.shtml?p_subjectCategory=588)

North Tyneside Road Safety Strategy 2010-13

[http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browse.shtml?p\\_subjectCategory=381](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browse.shtml?p_subjectCategory=381)

North Tyneside Highway Asset Management Plan (HAMP) 2012-17

[http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browse-display.shtml?p\\_ID=527383&p\\_subjectCategory=380](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browse-display.shtml?p_ID=527383&p_subjectCategory=380)

Tyne and Wear third Local Transport Plan (LTP3) documents, including the LTP Strategy 2011-21 and the Executive Summary, are available online at:

<http://www.tyneandwearltp.gov.uk/documents/ltp3/>

Tyne and Wear Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) is included as Appendix D of the LTP Strategy 2011-21.

'Get Britain Cycling: summary and recommendations'

(report of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cycling, April 2013)

<http://allpartycycling.files.wordpress.com/2013/04/get-britain-cycling1.pdf>