Meeting: Council  
Date: Wednesday 7 May 2014  
Subject: Cycle Priority Routes – Amendment of Seafront Byelaws  
Report of: Councillor Steve Wallis on behalf of the Cabinet

The Council is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the Cabinet meeting held on 19 March 2014 as set out below.

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The Council is recommended to:-

Approve authorise the officers to take all necessary steps to seek and obtain approval from the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to an amendment to the current byelaw to enable the Council to allow, where appropriate, both un-segregated as well as segregated shared use of the seafront promenade by cyclists and pedestrians.

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86.1 The following persons addressed the Cabinet on this matter:
Mr Robert Price on behalf of Bespoke
Ms Sunny Soleil
Ms Scarlett McNally on behalf of Bespoke
Councillor Patrick Warner

86.2 Cabinet considered the report of the Senior Head of Development on the outcome of the public consultation undertaken by East Sussex County Council on six cycle routes identified in the adopted cycling strategy (Cabinet, 8 February 2012) and seeking approval to take certain routes forward to detailed design and construction.

86.3 The strategy had identified the following priority routes:
- University to town centre and seafront
- Town centre to seafront
- Seafront (between the Wish Tower and Fisherman’s Green)
- Town centre to District General Hospital (DGH)
86.4 Of the above, the first 4 routes were taken forward to preliminary design and formed the major part of the public consultation. In addition further detailed work was undertaken on the Horsey Way section 1 route (Railway Station to Ringwood Road) and the Horsey Way section 3 route (Lottbridge Drove to Langney roundabout, including the Tollgate School link). Detailed descriptions of the routes were given in the report. These routes also formed part of the public consultation. All these routes were also identified as a priority by Bespoke, the local cycle campaign group. Feasibility work on providing additional cycle routes in the town, for example in Eastbourne Park, would be looked as part of a future year’s capital programme.

86.5 Extensive public consultation had taken place last January and copies of the questionnaire and plans were appended to the report along with a summary of the 784 responses received. There was a high level of support for each of the 6 schemes, although concerns had been raised at the impact on residents’ parking in relation to the town centre to DGH route. In view of this it was recommended that more feasibility work should be undertaken to look at possible alternative options for this route. Officers would work with key stakeholders such as Bespoke to seek a consensus on the final route before implementation.

86.6 To facilitate the provision of a cycle route on the seafront it was considered necessary to seek amendment to the local byelaws relating to use of the promenade. This would enable the Council to permit and control cycling, where appropriate, along the whole length of the promenade within the borough, either in an exclusive cycle-lane or on an unsegregated, shared-use basis. It was noted that the function of making and amending byelaws was reserved to Full Council and that the approval of the Secretary of State for Communities would be required.

86.7 The total estimated cost of the construction of the schemes that were being recommended to be taken forward to detailed design for 2014/15 would be £1,040,000. The two Horsey Way schemes would be funded from developer contributions associated with the Sovereign Harbour development. The remaining schemes (except the seafront promenade route) would be funded from the funding awarded to East Sussex County Council in July 2012, from the Government’s Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF). This funding had to be spent by March 2015. The construction of the seafront cycle route (along the promenade between the Wish Tower and Fisherman’s Green) would take place as part of a future year’s capital programme beyond 2014/15 and would be subject to a separate bid pending the outcome of the amendment to the byelaw. Consequently all costs were funded externally with the exception of the work on the byelaw which would be met from within existing service budgets.

86.8 Resolved (key decision): (1) That the following cycle routes be taken forward to detailed design and construction as part of the County Council’s 2014/15 capital programme for local transport improvement initiatives:

- University to town centre and seafront
- Town centre to seafront
- Horsey Way section 1
(2) That approval be given in principle, and subject to agreement by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government that the byelaw can be amended, that the Seafront cycle route along the promenade between the Wish Tower and Fisherman’s Green be taken forward by the County Council to detailed design with construction taking place as part of a future year’s capital programme beyond 2014/15.

*(3)* That Full Council be recommended to authorise the officers to take all necessary steps to seek and obtain approval from the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to an amendment to the current byelaw to enable the Council to allow, where appropriate, both un-segregated as well as segregated shared use of the seafront promenade by cyclists and pedestrians.

(4) That the Horsey Sewer Route section 3 be taken forward by the County Council to detailed design with construction taking place as part of a future year’s capital programme beyond 2014/15.

(5) That in view of the comments received during the consultation on the town centre to District General Hospital route, delegated authority is given to the Senior Head of Development, in consultation with the lead Cabinet member to agree to an adjusted route.

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