

Appendix 2

Recommendation		Update Oct 2019
R1	Schools are to be strongly encouraged to return data on pupils' modes of travel through the annual school census, to enable schools which have travel plans, to monitor these with a consistent set of data.	Currently promoted via ESCC 'Active Access for Growth' Access Fund Programme, through the work undertaken by Sustrans and Living Streets officers.
R2	Schools are to be encouraged to nominate a member of staff or post to have responsibility for the review of the School Travel Plan, and for this to be included in the School's Development Plan.	Initial discussions have taken place with Children's Services to introduce dedicated area on Czone to provide advice related to the development and monitoring of School Travel Plans. This should be available towards the end of 2019, and will include advice on what roles/posts are best placed to have the 'responsibility' for the School Travel Plan.
R3	The Board encourages further promotion of the active travel initiatives offered by the "Active Access for Growth" Programme 2017-2020 to educational establishments.	Active Travel initiatives are offered to schools through ESCC 'Active Access for Growth' Access Fund Programme. This is further supported by ESCC 'Bikeability' Programme. The Access Fund Programme was due to end in March 2020, but the Department for Transport has advised that they are recommending approval of continued funding for 2020/21 for Local Authorities with existing programmes. This is subject to ministerial sign off.
R4	The Board recommends that future external funding be sought to support active travel with schools and other organisations, alongside signposting to schools of other funding streams which they can apply for, to support these types of measures	ESCC anticipates extended external funding being available from Department for Transport in 2020/21 to enable the continuation of a number of the Active Access for Growth initiatives with schools and other organisations. Work to signpost schools to other funding streams is in progress and should be available by end of March 2020.

R5	<p>The Board encourages the Planning Team to include a condition requiring a new or revised (as appropriate) School Travel Plan, including a stipulated review period. Consideration should also be given to including an Informative, encouraging schools to nominate a member of staff or post to undertake responsibility for its review, and for this to be included in the School Development Plan.</p>	<p>Approvals of relevant planning applications have included conditions relating to School Travel Plans. Where necessary this has included reference to monitoring, reviewing and a named post as a Travel Plan Coordinator.</p> <p>An example of where such a condition has been used relates to a site in Hailsham, where planning permission for a new school was granted in September 2019. The following condition was attached to the planning permission: "The approved Travel Plan, which stipulates an annual review and a named post as the Travel Plan Co-Ordinator, shall be implemented and thereafter reviewed in accordance with the approved details."</p> <p>Separately, the Local Validation List (which is a list of documents that should be submitted with a planning application) is currently being updated/reviewed and this will include details of when a planning application for a school should be accompanied by a School Travel Plan.</p>
R6	<p>The Board recommended that the Communities, Economy and Transport department ensure that material supportive of efforts to develop School Travel Plans and Walking Buses is available electronically, on Czone and the ESCC website</p>	<p>This is in progress and should be available towards the end of 2019.</p>

R7	The Board encourages staff in Communities, Economy and Transport and in Public Health to continue to co-ordinate work, in relation to active travel to support the delivery of key departmental objectives in relation to the economy, planning, the environment and health.	<p>This is ongoing, as Public Health currently provides officer time to CET's Access Fund Programme. A new group has also been established between Public Health, the Environment Team and the Strategic Economic Infrastructure Team to seek and secure future funding, which is complimentary to existing work streams, supporting key outcomes in relation to the economy, health and the environment.</p> <p>These departments are also supporting the Strategic Economic Infrastructure Team in the development of the County's first Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). ESCC 'Active Access for Growth' Access Fund Programme, which will include future initiatives for schools.</p>
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