

Appendix 2

| Recommendation | | Update Oct 2019 | Update March 2021 |
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| 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. | Schools are encouraged to complete this, but this will be strengthened in September 2021. A letter will be sent to all schools requesting this information to help inform future planning for both school transport and future transport policy and infrastructure planning. |
| 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. | See attached link to the C-Zone page where this information is presented. School travel plans - Czone (eastsussex.gov.uk) |
| 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. | ESCC received £400k of funding from the Department for transport (DfT) to continue the operation of this programme for 2020/21. The details of the offer to schools is as outlined on the link below. Despite the Covid 19 Pandemic, this programme has continued to provide initiatives to school, in the form of resources and online contact. Active Access for Growth - Programme – East Sussex Active Access for Growth – East Sussex County Council |

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| R4 | <p>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</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p>DfT Access Funding</p> <p>The DfT Access fund ceases in March 2021, but the DfT has advised us that there is likely to be continued funding for all local authorities. We are awaiting an announcement in relation to this, but are in the process of developing a new programme.</p> <p>Other Funding streams</p> <p><u>DfT - Emergency Active Travel Fund Tranche 2</u></p> <p>ESCC has secured £1,820,200 of Emergency Active Travel Funding, to deliver a programme of both capital and revenue measures to support walking and cycling by June 2022.</p> <p>For schools this will specifically include the following: -</p> <p>School Streets Trial Project – this will involve temporarily closing the road outside of the school during drop off and pick up time for up to an hour, to support social distancing and to enable safer walking and cycling to school. We are currently working with the following schools: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Southover C of E Primary – Lewes 2. Harbour Primary – Newhaven 3. Langney Primary – Eastbourne 4. Stafford Junior – Eastbourne (TBC) 5. All Saints Primary – Bexhill 6. All Saints Junior - Hastings 7. Ark Blacklands Primary – Hastings <p>This project was due to commence on 18th January 2021, but due to the current lock down, we are currently reviewing the options to deliver this later in the year.</p> <p>Further details can be found on the link below:-</p> |
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| | | | <p>School Streets Trial Project – Emergency Active Travel Fund – East Sussex County Council</p> <p>Funding has also been secured to undertaken engagement with a specified number of secondary schools in the county to promote active travel through the delivery of a number of walking and cycling initiatives.</p> <p><u>DfT Travel Demand Management Fund</u></p> <p>To support schools and employees in relation to travel and transport, with the return to school and work following the first lockdown. See update under recommendation 7 below.</p> |
| 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> | <p>Approvals of relevant planning applications have continued to include 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>Examples of where such conditions have been used are in respect of Claverham Community College, Battle (October 2020) and Hailsham Community College, Hailsham (November 2020).</p> <p>The Local Validation List was reviewed and updated in April 2020 and includes details of when a planning application for a school should be accompanied by a School Travel Plan.</p> |

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| 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> | <p>Information in relation to school travel planning is available at the below link. Developing information in relation to walking buses has not been prioritised due to the pandemic, and it might not be appropriate in the short term to be promoting this type of initiative.</p> <p>School travel plans - Czone (eastsussex.gov.uk)</p> <p>There are plenty of other schemes that schools and their staff can be involved in at this time, as outlined on the Active Access for Growth webpages, as above.</p> |
| R7 | <p>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> | <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> | <p>Public Health continue to provide officer time to the East Sussex Active Access for Growth Programme.</p> <p>These teams have also provided input into the recent draft of the County's first Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). We will be seeking cabinet approval of this plan in June 2021.</p> <p>As a result of the Covid 19 Pandemic, ESCC were allocated funding to develop a Travel Demand Management Plan to support schools and employees in relation to travel and transport, with the return to school and work following the first lockdown. This work has now been extended until October 2021. A School Travel Steering Group was established in August 2020. This group is comprised of officers from across CET, Public Health and Education. They meet twice a month to manage any issues schools are experiencing and provide input into projects associated with school travel during the Covid 19 Pandemic.</p> |