

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY CABINET MEMBER

This form must be completed by or on behalf of the relevant Cabinet Member immediately after any decision has been made and sent to the Chief Executive for publication in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

<p>Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision</p>	<p>Request to proceed to public consultation for the Teign Estuary Trail scheme in advance of the planning application submission. This consultation will be held predominantly on an online platform with advertising undertaken to reach the local communities.</p>
<p>Decision Taken (i.e. approved/not approved together with any caveats)</p>	<p>Approved/Not approved (Please delete as appropriate)</p>
<p>Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken (alternatively, attach copy of any report or other document setting out reasons)</p>	<p>Devon's Cycling and Multi Use Trail Network Strategy highlights the Teign Estuary Trail as a key missing link in Devon's cycle network and proposes it as an important scheme for investment. Devon County Council, in partnership with Teignbridge District Council, have been progressing work on the design and preparation of a planning application for the section of the Teign Estuary Trail between Passage House Inn and the west fringe of Teignmouth.</p> <p>The proposed scheme is the creation of a new 3m wide, 4.5km long cycle path to form part of the Teign Estuary Trail. It forms part of the National Cycle Network Route 2, looking to connect the Exe Estuary Trail, via Dawlish, Teignmouth, Bishopsteignton and the Passage House Inn to Newton Abbot. Parts of this route through Dawlish to Teignmouth, and Exe Estuary Trail have been completed.</p> <p>The proposed cycle path runs parallel to the A381 from southeast of Bishopsteignton (Morrison's junction at the west fringe of Teignbridge) to Passage House Inn on Hackney Lane. The path looks to follow existing field boundaries and ground levels, with the majority running immediately north of the railway line, apart from where the path joins the A381.</p> <p>The public consultation is necessary to obtain feedback on the current strategy and design in advance of the submission of a planning application. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions there won't be a face to face exhibition and the consultation will be predominantly hosted online. Members of the public will be informed via advertisements, local newspapers, on site notices and posters in community areas to be as inclusive as circumstances allow.</p> <p>Public engagement continues to reflect the strong local desire for improved sustainable travel opportunities along this corridor. Recent Local Plan Review consultations brought a large number of comments that the route needed to be prioritised. The Local Plan also reflects this position and supports comprehensive cycle routes. The Teignbridge Infrastructure Delivery Plan specifically identifies this route and underlines its strategic benefits.</p>

	Should this scheme not go forward, the lack of cycle continuity will continue to be negatively experienced by cycling residents between Newton Abbot and Exeter.	
Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected (alternatively, attach copy of any report or other document setting out alternatives/options)	<p>Passage House Inn to Bishopsteignton</p> <p>The alternative route on the estuary side of the railway line was discounted by Cabinet at its 13 February 2013 meeting due to the environmental constraints, costs and the Environment Agency's objection. There are potential minor variations to the inland route between the A381 and the railway, but it is expected that the alignment following the railway where possible would be the least disruptive to land owners and minimise costs. There is no practical road-based route.</p> <p>Bishopsteignton to Teignmouth</p> <p>An option to simply utilise the existing footpath alongside the A381 between the two settlements was considered unsafe and of insufficient width in several key locations. This option would not serve its purpose of attracting commuter and leisure users and generating economic benefits.</p> <p>Structures within the estuary have been discounted on economic and environmental grounds as they would negatively affect both landscape and ecology. Two other alternative routes taking the route further into Teignmouth centre have been considered and discounted due to major physical constraints.</p>	
Details of any personal interest or conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Cabinet Member(s) involved in or consulted upon this decision	None	
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Signature of Cabinet Member	Councillor Stuart Hughes	Date: 31 July 2020