

**REPORT TO:** Cabinet Member Technical Services  
Cabinet

**DATE:** 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2010

**SUBJECT:** Southport Cycle Town 2009/10 - Revised Work Programme

**WARDS AFFECTED:** Ainsdale, Dukes, Norwood

**REPORT OF:** Andy Wallis, Planning & Economic Regeneration Director

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**EXEMPT/  
CONFIDENTIAL:** No

**PURPOSE/SUMMARY:**

To inform Members of an additional funding allocation and to seek approval to revise the funding allocations for individual schemes within the approved Cycle Town Work Programme for 2009/10

**REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:**

To allow delivery of schemes within the Cycle Town Work Programme in 2009/10

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

It is recommended that:

Cabinet Member Technical Services:-

- i) Note the report:

Cabinet:-

- i) Approve the inclusion of the capital funding from Cycling England / Department for Transport into the 2009/10 Capital Programme:

**KEY DECISION:** Yes

**FORWARD PLAN:** Yes

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE:** Following the expiry of the 'call in' period for the minutes of the meeting

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

None

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Budget/Policy Framework:** The funding will be from a Department for Transport Grant administered through Cycling England

**Financial:**

<b><u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b>2009/ 2010 £</b>	<b>2010/ 2011 £</b>	<b>2011/ 2012 £</b>	<b>2012/ 2013 £</b>
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	250,000			
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources	250,000			
<b><u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u></b>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y	31.3.10			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

**Legal:** N/A

**Risk Assessment:** N/A

**Asset Management:** N/A

<b>CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS – The Finance and Information Services Director has been consulted on the report and has no comments - FD 283 .</b>
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**CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:**

<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>		<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
1	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2	Creating Safe Communities	✓		
3	Jobs and Prosperity	✓		
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	✓		
5	Environmental Sustainability	✓		
6	Creating Inclusive Communities	✓		
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	✓		
8	Children and Young People	✓		

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT**

None

**Southport Cycle Town – Working Programme 2009/10**

**1.0 Introduction**

1.1 A report was submitted to the Cabinet Member – Technical Services at his meeting of the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009 and to the Cabinet at its meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2009 which detailed the Southport Cycle Town – Working Programme for 2009/10. The approved Capital Working Programme is shown below

<b>Capital</b>	<b>£'000</b>
East West Link - Design Fees for the preliminary design and 2 <sup>nd</sup> round of Public Consultation to develop proposals for an east/ west link across the town. Delivery of Scheme to commence Jan 2010. This will be linked to the delivery of a Local Safety Scheme in the Portland Street Area and a Route Action Scheme on Cemetery Road	220
Wennington Road - Design Fees for the preliminary design and Public Consultation for a cycle route along Wennington Road to be delivered Autumn 2009	80
Seafront Cycle Facilities – Completion of Seafront Circular Route and links to Town Centre	147
Selworthy Road Link – Link to Coastal Road route from Birkdale / Hillside	10
Cycle Parking – Ongoing Provision of cycle parking and cycle lockers within the town and district centres	30
Pontins Trans Pennine Trail Diversion – Contribution to scheme funded through LTP	3
Signing – Develop comprehensive route signing strategy with indicating key destinations and travel times along key routes on seafront and coastal path to Formby	10
Schools(Parking/ Infrastructure) - Improved cycle parking/ access improvements to Secondary Schools	25
Cycle Hire – Purchase of Bikes	40
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>565</b>

1.2 All funding for the programme is provided by The Department for Transport through Cycling England.

## **2.0 Additional Funding**

- 2.1 For some time concerns have been expressed by cyclists regarding the cycletrack, which runs alongside the Coastal Road to Ainsdale (Pontins Roundabout). These concerns have been recognised by Cycling England.
- 2.2 The track was built some years ago and is part of the Trans-Pennine Trail. For the majority of its length it is only some 1.5 metres wide, which creates problems when cyclist pass each other or cyclists pass pedestrians. The track is also perceived as not being particularly pleasant to use due to the close proximity of a large volume of high-speed traffic (speed limit on this section of the road being 50mph).
- 2.3 There has long been an aspiration to create a more pleasant track along this route, however, funding has not been available.
- 2.4 In October 2009 Officers of the Council were approached by Cycling England with a suggestion to develop the route and were informed that an additional Capital Grant may be available during the 2009/10 financial year to enable the works to be completed.
- 2.5 Subsequently in November, confirmation was received from Cycling England that £250,000 had been allocated to Sefton Council to complete the route.
- 2.6 This report now seeks the inclusion of this funding in the 2009/10 Capital programme
- 2.7 It is anticipated that the route can be delivered by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

## **3.0 Amendments to existing programme**

- 3.1 Members will note the allocation of £80k to deliver a cycle route along Wennington Road. Whilst discussions are continuing with Councillors regarding the form of this route it will not be possible to deliver a scheme on the ground during 2009/10. Consequently, it is proposed that the allocation to the Wennington Road scheme will be reduced to £5K for the current financial year. The remaining £75k will be used to further develop the Seafront Cycle facilities and routes.

## **4.0 Recommendation**

- 4.1 That the Cabinet Member Technical Services note the report.
- 4.2 That the Cabinet approve the inclusion of the capital funding from Cycling England / Department for Transport into the 2009/10 Capital Programme: