

**Working with the Maidstone Campaign for Cycling Forum
(MCCF)**

Final Decision-Maker	Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee
Lead Head of Service	Rob Jarman
Lead Officer and Report Author	Rob Jarman
Classification	Public
Wards affected	All

Executive Summary

That working relations with the MCCF, including reporting to this Committee, are the same as with other outside bodies.

Purpose of Report

Decision

This report makes the following recommendations to this Committee:

1. Engagement between the Council and the Maidstone Cycle Campaign Forum take place through the normal Council Outside Body mechanism available.

Timetable

Meeting	Date
Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee	8 March 2022

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1. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Impact on Corporate Priorities	<p>The four Strategic Plan objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embracing Growth and Enabling Infrastructure • Safe, Clean and Green • Homes and Communities • A Thriving Place • We do not expect the recommendations will by themselves materially affect achievement of corporate priorities. However, they will support the Council’s overall achievement of its aims. 	Rob Jarman
Cross Cutting Objectives	<p>The four cross-cutting objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage is Respected • Health Inequalities are Addressed and Reduced • Deprivation and Social Mobility is Improved • Biodiversity and Environmental Sustainability is respected <p>The report recommendation(s) supports the achievement(s) of the fourth cross cutting objective</p>	Rob Jarman
Risk Management	N/A	Rob Jarman
Financial	The proposals set out in the recommendation are all within already approved budgetary headings and so need no new funding for implementation.	Paul Holland, Senior Finance Manager (Client)

Staffing	We will deliver the recommendations with our current staffing.	Rob Jarman
Legal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepting the recommendations will fulfil the Council's duties under [act]. Failure to accept the recommendations without agreeing suitable alternatives may place the Council in breach of [act]. Acting on the recommendations is within the Council's powers as set out at [x]. 	[Legal Team]
Privacy and Data Protection	N/A	Policy and Information Team
Equalities	N/A	[Policy & Information Manager]
Public Health	N/A	Rob Jarman
Crime and Disorder	N/A	Rob Jarman
Procurement	N/A	Rob Jarman
Biodiversity and Climate Change	The implications of this report on biodiversity and climate change have been considered and Actions 1.1 / 1.3 / 1.4 / 1.6 of the MBC action plan are closely aligned with MCCF's role to encourage active travel and support the development of safe cycling infrastructure.	Biodiversity and Climate Change Manager

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 There was a motion referred to this Committee by full Council in March 2021 with regard to working relationships between the Council and the MCCF.
- 2.2 At the 7 December 2021 SPIC, it was agreed that Councillor Parfitt-Reid be appointed as the Council's representative on the MCCF effective from 8 December 2021. Previous to this, Councillor English was elected in 2019.
- 2.3 Ad hoc meetings have also been taking place with the MCCF as a result of the Council resolution mentioned in paragraph 2.1.
- 2.4 It is proposed that the sole formal engagement with the MCCF is as per with any other outside body (for example the Kent Downs AONB Joint Advisory Committee whereby Cllr Garten provided an update report for the 11 January 2022 SPIC). This has been discussed with the MCCF.

- 2.5 Details of MCCF's governance arrangements, purpose and objectives are set out in the appendices.
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3. **AVAILABLE OPTIONS**

- 3.1 Do nothing or take the same approach as with other outside bodies.
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4. **PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 It is recommended that the MCCF are treated in the same way as with other outside bodies.

5. **CONSULTATION RESULTS AND PREVIOUS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK**

- 5.1 This recommendation has been discussed with the MCCF.
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6. **NEXT STEPS: COMMUNICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION**

- 6.1 That the decision of this Committee is formally reported to the MCCF and Councillor Parfitt-Reid and Councillor English.
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7. **REPORT APPENDICES**

- Appendix 1: Role of the MCCF.
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8. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None