

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Steve Elkington, Asset Engineer Roads

DATE: 25 August 2008

SUBJECT: **COUNCIL'S REGIONAL CYCLING & WALKING STRATEGY –
PROGRESS REPORT**

1 PURPOSE

To table the following progress report prepared by OPUS Consultants showing Council's achievement in meeting the objectives set out in the current Regional Cycling & Walking Strategy.

2 BACKGROUND

Council's Regional Cycling & Walking Strategy was adopted in June 2005. This strategy is currently under review by Peter Kortegast of OPUS Consultants.

3 COMMENT

The attached progress report shows that Council has fully achieved or made positive progress towards the stated objectives and initiatives contained within the strategy.

The workshop held on 8 August 2008 in regards to reviewing the priority of future cycling and walking projects was well attended particularly by Councillors. The revised draft strategy is due for delivery early in September 2008 and, if acceptable to Council, will go out for public consultation. This draft will incorporate central government's latest transport policy. It will be presented at the next Engineering Services Committee for approval prior to public consultation.

4 RECOMMENDATION

THAT this report and the attached 2005 – 2008 Regional Cycling & Walking Strategy - Progress Report be received.

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