

CABINET**12 September 2012****Minute Extract****241. CITIES FIT FOR CYCLING**
(Report CAB2382 refers)

Cabinet noted that at Council on 18 April 2012, former Councillor Jackson had submitted a Notice of Motion as follows:

“This Council

- recognises that cycling is an extremely efficient form of transport for certain journeys, which is good for health, well-being and the environment;
- supports successive Governments’ commitment to encourage the use of bikes and reduce the number of cyclist-related road accidents;
- supports The Times’ “Cities fit for Cycling” campaign with its 8-point manifesto calling for Cities to be made fit for cyclists and
- calls on Hampshire County Council to give a much higher priority to the needs of cyclists - particularly as set out in the Winchester District Cycling Strategy. “

Councillor Weston highlighted the work already being undertaken by the Council in promotion of cycling, as set out in the Report. She welcomed the proposal to support the Notice of Motion.

The Chairman requested that the possible provision of a cycling track be examined further as part of the future debate on how the Council should respond to the legacy of the 2012 Olympics.

During the public participation period, former Councillor Jackson addressed Cabinet and in summary, thanked Members for their support. In addition, she thanked the officers in the Access and Infrastructure Team for their work in promoting various initiatives relating to increasing cycling. She agreed that the Council should seek to capitalise on the impetus of the recent Olympics to increase the numbers of people cycling on roads and cycling safely.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Learney also supported the proposals on behalf of the Liberal Democrat group and thanked former Councillor Jackson for her work in the promotion of cycling. She highlighted the importance of encouraging safer road cycling. She requested that the Portfolio Holder report back periodically on achievements and progress.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RECOMMENDED:

THAT THE NOTICE OF MOTION (AS SET OUT ABOVE) BE SUPPORTED AS AN INDICATION OF THE COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF CYCLISTS AND THE PROMOTION OF CYCLING GENERALLY.