



REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF PLEASURE GROUND BYELAW ON CYCLING

The Committee was informed that the Ingrebourne Way Sustrans Connect2 project aimed to form a continuous, fully accessible walking and cycling route from Noak Hill to the River Thames at Rainham. As far as possible, the route would follow the River Ingrebourne, using a number of parks and open spaces, as well as highway space, on its way.

The project had been allocated a £880k BIG Lottery grant and additional funding from Veolia Havering Riverside Trust and Transport for London made the total funding for the project more than £1.5 million.

The Committee noted that current pleasure ground byelaws provided for qualified prohibition of cycling in many of the Council's parks. In order to permit cycling on signed, designated routes through Parks it was now proposed to make a single minor amendment to the existing byelaws by the Council adopting the Department for Communities & Local Government model byelaw on cycling.

If approved, the byelaw in question would provide:

No person shall without reasonable excuse ride a cycle in the ground except in any part of the ground where there is a right of way for cycles [or on a designated route for cycling].

The Committee **RECOMMENDS** to Council:

- 1 That the new model byelaw on cycling as approved by the Department for Communities & Local Government be adopted.
- 2 That, simultaneous with the adoption of the new byelaw the current byelaw 9(ii) of the 1990 Pleasure Ground Byelaws be revoked
- 3 That the Assistant Chief Executive be authorised to take all steps necessary to secure the revocation of the existing byelaw and its replacement by the new byelaw as soon as practicable, including publication of all necessary notices and the securing of all necessary consents.