County Council

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Item No. 7(b) - Notice of Motion on Cycling from Dr O'Kelly Amendment by Mrs Russell

This Council recognises the significant work being done by the Cabinet to promote the benefits of increasing cycle journeys, in terms of improving **health and wellbeing** fitness, reducing congestion and the need to provide additional parking spaces, and improving air quality, as well as opening up the countryside for both residents and visitors. Along with the undoubted benefits of making cycling easier, there are also a number of issues that need to be addressed for the benefit of all residents and visitors to West Sussex. There are also new developments, such as electric bikes and increasing numbers of motorised scooters, which should, ideally, be segregated from pedestrians as far as possible in town centres.

The Council therefore calls on the Cabinet **Members** to hold a county-wide Cycling Summit to explore all the issues more fully **including at the 2019 Cycling Summit**, involving the whole range of stakeholders to address at least the following issues:

- (1) The health **and wellbeing** benefits of increasing cycling miles and how this can be achieved;
- (2) The role of cycling in addressing congestion and air quality;
- (3) Increasing cycle commuting and the role of employers in encouraging this;
- (4) Cycling **and Pedestrian** Safety;
- (5) Cycle tourism opportunities and threats, including a detailed consideration of proposed presumption against road closures for large cycle events and potential consequences for damage to popular offroad routes;
- (6) The continuation of cCycling education in schools through 'Bikability' courses, instructor advice and school travel plans, and involving schools and other educational establishments in promoting cycling;
- (7) Involving businesses, and encouraging them to promote cycling through their travel plans;
- (8) Maximising grant funding and exploring other ways of funding new high quality infrastructure;

- (9) **The success of the newly-implemented** Design standards and increasing cycling infrastructure and capacity; and
- (10) Recognising the different challenges of promoting cycling in urban and rural environments and working with district, borough, parish and neighbourhood councils, and the South Downs National Park Authority.