Norfolk Local Access Forum

| Report title: | Greenways project |
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| Date of meeting: | 30 January 2019 |
| Responsible Chief Officer: | Steve Miller – Assistant Director, Culture and Heritage |

Strategic impact

Bringing disused railways and other under-used parts of the transport network into full use as cycling and walking routes will benefit health, the rural economy, the environment and levels of traffic congestion.

Executive summary

An update is provided for the NLAF on the Recycling Norfolk's Disused Railways, now known as the Greenways project including an update on public consultation on pilot route proposals.

Recommendations:

That the NLAF notes the opportunities presented in the feasibility studies (Weavers' Way – Aylsham to Stalham; King's Lynn to Fakenham; King's Lynn to Hunstanton) and feasibility review of the whole disused railway network across Norfolk.

1. Proposal (or options)

1.1. See report presented to the Environment, Development and Transport Committee (EDT) (Appendix 1)

2. Evidence

2.1. See report presented to the EDT Committee (Appendix 1)

3. Financial Implications

3.1. Funding secured for feasibility studies

4. Issues, risks and innovation

4.1. Please see report

5. Background

5.1. Following the EDT report, officers have set up a consultation which will have 8 public exhibitions at locations close to the areas looked at as part of the detailed feasibility studies. A website has also been set up with key project information and this is available on www.norfolk.gov.uk/greenways.

Landowner letters have also been sent out to key landholder on and close to the routes. From these the project has over 20 responses and this feedback will be incorporated into the final reports due the end of March 19.

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