

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans

Grant Funding Guidance

1 Introduction

This document introduces a new grant funding opportunity designed to support Isle of Wight Town and Parish Councils to develop Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs).

2 Background

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs), as set out in the Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy, are a strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements required at the local level. They enable a long-term approach to developing local cycling and walking networks, ideally over a 10 year period, and form a vital part of the Government's strategy to increase the number of trips made on foot or by cycle.

The key outputs of LCWIPs are:

- a network plan for walking and cycling which identifies preferred routes and core zones for further development;
- a prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements for future investment;
- a report which sets out the underlying analysis carried out and provides a narrative which supports the identified improvements and network.

By taking a strategic approach to improving conditions for cycling and walking, LCWIPs will assist Local Authorities (LAs) to:

- identify cycling and walking infrastructure improvements for future investment in the short, medium and long term;
- ensure that consideration is given to cycling and walking within both local planning and transport policies and strategies;
- make the case for future funding for walking and cycling infrastructure.

With support from the Department for Transport, Isle of Wight Council adopted its first LCWIP covering Newport and Ryde in April 2020¹. Cycling and walking infrastructure proposals included in the Newport and Ryde LCWIP, such as improvements to the traffic free route linking the Newport Quay with Mews Lane, have since received capital funding to support implementation.

It is increasing likely that central government funding will only be made available to support the implementation of infrastructure prioritised in an LCWIP, and as such, Isle of Wight Council is keen to expand the geographic coverage of LCWIPs on the Island.

¹ www.iow.gov.uk/documentlibrary/view/local-cycling-and-walking-infrastucture-plan-lcwip-

For 2021/22, Isle of Wight Council has received an allocation of funding through the Department for Transport Capability Fund². The Capability Fund grant enables local transport authorities to promote cycling and walking in their areas by:

- developing infrastructure plans, and
- delivering travel behaviour change activities, such as training and promotion

In line with the principles of neighbourhood planning, Isle of Wight Council intends to ring fence a proportion of its Capability Fund grant to empower and support local communities which choose to prioritise the development of LCWIPs.

3 What can be funded?

This grant funding opportunity is intended to support Town and Parish Councils to develop LCWIPs. As such, the primary purpose of the funding is to support human resource costs incurred during the preparation of the LCWIP. This could be internal resource, or specialist individuals or organisations which Town and Parish Councils may want to commission to support the process.

The output of the funding will be a new or updated LCWIP covering an agreed geography. In most instances this is likely to be a single Town or Parish Council boundary, or a collection of boundaries.

It is essential that LCWIPs are developed in line with the following Department for Transport Publications:

- Local Cycling and Walking Plans: Technical Guidance for Local Authorities³
- Cycle Infrastructure Design (LTN 1/20)⁴

Examples of LCWIPs prepared by other authorities are presented at **ANNEX A**.

4 What level of funding is available?

Isle of Wight Council intends to allocate up to £30,000 of its Capability Fund allocation to support Town and Parish Councils with the development of LCWIPs.

The maximum amount of funding per application is £10,000, and there is a requirement for 100% match funding, either cash or in kind.

5 Eligibility

This grant funding opportunity is open to all Isle of Wight Town or Parish Councils on the Isle of Wight.

Where Town and Parish Councils choose to collaborate on an application, a lead applicant will need to be identified.

² www.gov.uk/government/publications/capability-fund-local-transport-authority-allocations

³ [Local cycling and walking infrastructure plans technical guidance \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/951074/cycle-infrastructure-design-ltn-1-20.pdf

6 How to Apply?

Town and Parish Councils seeking grant funding are invited to complete the online application form linked below:

www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LCWIPGrant

The application form requests information about the LCWIP being proposed, how it will be resourced, and what level of funding is required from Isle of Wight Council. The form can be saved on a page by page basis and submitted when complete.

The deadline for submitted application forms is **1400 on 15 November 2021**. Application forms submitted after this date will not be considered.

For an informal discussion prior to submitting an application, please contact

Alec Broome, Sports Development Officer, Isle of Wight Council

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7 What happens after the application is submitted?

Applications will be evaluated by a three person panel and successful applicants notified week commencing 22 November 2021.

Feedback for unsuccessful applicants will be provided in writing.

Successful applicants will enter into a grant funding agreement with Isle of Wight Council which will set out the expectations of both parties. It is intended that successful applicants will receive 50% of the funding in advance, and 50% on submission of the final LCWIP.

Isle of Wight Council is keen to keep in touch with successful applicants as LCWIPs are prepared, and as such, it is proposed that monthly progress meetings will be held with each successful applicant.

Draft LCWIPs will be required by **28 February 2022**, and completed LCWIPs by **31 March 2022**. Completed LCWIPs will be assessed by both Isle of Wight Council and the Department for Transport.

Key milestones are presented in the table below:

| 2021/22 | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Function | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar |
| LWCIP grant scheme live | | | | | | | |
| Deadline for applications | | | | | | | |
| Application Evaluation | | | | | | | |
| Successful applications announced | | | | | | | |
| Monthly progress meetings | | | | | | | |
| Submission of draft LCWIPs | | | | | | | |
| Submission of final LCWIPs | | | | | | | |

Annex A: Resources

Example LCWIPs*:

| Geographic Coverage | Website Link |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Portsmouth | https://travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/74.463-LCWIP-Plan.pdf |
| Ringwood | www.ringwood.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/ANNEX-B-LCWIP-Provisional-Report-Part1.pdf |
| East Hampshire | www.easthants.gov.uk/cycling-walking-strategy |
| Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole | www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/Roads-and-transport/Roads-and-transport.aspx |
| Essex (various towns) | www.essexhighways.org/getting-around/cycling/cycle-programme#plans |
| Hampshire (various Boroughs) | Discover Hampshire LCWIPs to Have Your Say – Commonplace |

*LCWIPs included in the table are presented as examples to illustrate the scope and format of adopted LCWIPs only, and do not necessarily represent best practice.