



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
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Report of the Director of Development and Cultural Services

## **The Joint Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council Powered Two Wheelers Strategy**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. Cabinet to approve the Joint Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council Powered Two Wheelers Strategy.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. The strategy has been developed in response to the Government's White Paper, A New Deal for Transport: Better for Everyone, which highlighted the contribution that powered two wheelers such as motorcycles, scooters and mopeds could make towards an integrated transport policy.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The main aim of this strategy is to make the use of powered two wheelers attractive, convenient and safe.
- 3.2 The strategy has been developed jointly by Derby City and Derbyshire County Councils in close liaison with the Derbyshire Motorcycle Forum. This group consists of representatives from the Police, powered two wheeler users, dealers and training schools and the City and County Councils. Due to this extensive consultation process with stakeholders and users, the strategy has gained broad support.
- 3.3 Until now powered two wheelers have often not been seen as a mode of transport in their own right. However they do have some different requirements to other road users particularly with regard to road conditions and parking facilities. This strategy recognises these differences whilst at the same time seeking to balance the needs of powered two wheeler users with all road users.
- 3.4 The strategy has four main elements:
  - safety and casualty reduction
  - improved access and facilities

- improved road safety awareness amongst powered two wheeler users and other road users
- to work with others to develop a better understanding of the role of powered two wheelers as a mode of transport.

3.5 It will not be possible to achieve all the objectives of this strategy immediately. The strategy therefore contains a detailed action plan that has been developed to guide its implementation between now and the end of the second Local Transport Plan in 2011. The action plan will be reviewed annually by the Forum and reported through the Local Transport Plan Annual Progress Report.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

1. The Council is not obliged to develop a specific strategy for Powered Two Wheelers. This option is however not being proposed because:
  - the government in its white paper has made a specific reference to the contribution that powered two wheelers could make towards an integrated transport policy and the council therefore needs to take account of this
  - the council already has in place specific policies for other modes of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport and therefore it would appear logical to continue this process for those modes not yet covered
  - powered two wheelers can provide an alternative means of transport where public transport is limited and walking and cycling are impractical
  - the council already has a target to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads. This strategy helps to achieve that aim by improving safety standards particularly for vulnerable users such as powered two wheeler riders.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	Copy of the Joint Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council Powered Two Wheelers Strategy
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 - Implications

**IMPLICATIONS****Financial**

1. The cost associated with the implementation of this strategy is already being met either through existing revenue funding or the yearly Local Transport Plan settlement. Additional resources may also be provided by the other members of the forum.

**Legal**

2. Not applicable.

**Personnel**

3. Not applicable.

**Corporate Objectives and Priorities for Change**

4. The Powered Two Wheelers strategy will contribute to the following corporate objective and priorities for change:
  - a healthy environment - with reduced water, air and land pollution levels
  - continue plans to remove traffic from city centre streets

