

Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee

Minutes

7:30am Wednesday 18th May 2022 (*remote meeting*)

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Terms of reference

The following information is provided so that you may be aware of the structure and operation of the Cycleways and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee.

Randwick Council resolved to establish a Cycleway and Bicycle Facilities Advisory Committee with the following terms of reference:

1. Report to the Council;
2. Enhance consultation between Council and the bike riding community;
3. Advance implementation of the planned and funded cycle ways in the Randwick local government area;
4. Review and provide advice on proposed Council bike related capital works projects;
5. Participate in the yearly draft budget process by recommending appropriate bike related projects;
6. Be consulted by Council on cycle way and bike facility issues involving significant planning proposals and Development applications before Council;
7. Regularly review and propose updating of the Randwick Council bike plan in line with the strategic direction of priority cycleways as detailed within "Sydney's Cycling Future"; and
8. Help advance a Regional Cycle Strategy with neighbouring Councils

(Council resolution references 172/17 & 87/18)

1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair will ask for a volunteer to acknowledge the lands upon which this meeting is being held:

"I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the land of the Bidjigal and the Gadigal peoples; being the traditional owners who, for thousands of years, occupied and cared for vast areas along the Sydney Coast.

On behalf of the participants of this meeting I acknowledge and pay my respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and also to those Aboriginal people participating today."

2. Attendance and apologies

In attendance

Councillor Philipa Veitch	RCC	Ms Jay Lee-Pieterse	RCC
Councillor Michael Olive	RCC	Mr Sri Sritharan	RCC
Councillor Kathy Neilson	RCC	Mr Tony Lehmann	RCC
Mr Dick Van Den Dool	BIKEast	Mr Reza Ahmed	RCC
Mr Lee Roberts	BIKEast	Mr Jesse Grazotis	RCC
Ms Kate Lewis	TfNSW	Mr David Appleby	RCC
Ms Laetitia Desmons	TfNSW		
Mr Paul Chilcott	Resident		

Apologies: Jimmy Hope, Alison Turnbull, Kym Chapple

3. Declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests

4. Matters arising from Minutes of previous meetings

5. Items for consideration

5.1. Update on temporary and permanent cycleways

Progress on plans of funding and implementation regarding cycleways in the Randwick LGA (temporary (pop-up) and permanent):

Todman Avenue Cycleway Project

Council resolved in late 2020 to discontinue scoping of the pop-up cycleway option on Todman Avenue due to design challenges and safety concerns. In the meantime, Council has been working with a transport consultant to investigate more permanent cycleway line-marking opportunities, along a significant length of Todman Avenue. The proposed design explores the introduction of a kerb side running lane for bike riders traveling southeast (from South Dowling St toward the Lenthall Street intersection).

Council has since received the final plans and opinion of probable cost from the consultants. This will be tabled on the meeting. The plans will also be referred forwarded to BIKEast for information following the meeting.

Subsequently a community consultation process will be undertaken.

Mr Lehmann presented the current concept plan for Todman Avenue line-marking project. Various discussion and comments were made including City of Sydney's concerns (through lessons learned) over shared bike and bus stop interfaces.

Further discussions occurred over the reason why the one directional cycleway is not aligned to go behind the 90-degree parking westbound. Mr Lehmann clarified this is due to issues with overhanging parked vehicles and current surface condition within this area (tree root uplift and various damages).

The concept plan will be forwarded to BIKEast for review.

High Street pop-up cycleway

The High Street pop-up cycleway officially opened in March 2021. Ridership has been steady, and Transport for NSW are providing regular updates to Council to monitor numbers.

Queens Park permanent cycleway

Construction is now complete and the cycleway is well utilised by the community. There are some minor footpath works and relocation of Traffic Control Box outstanding east of the site (Darley Road and Carrington Road intersection). Officers from TfNSW, Randwick City Council and Waverly Council met on site 6th May 2022. The official opening is expected to occur early June, however no dates have been set to date.

It is understood that the total cost of this project (730m of cycleway) is approximately \$3.75m.



Kingsford to Centennial Park Cycleway

Please see **Item 5.2**, below, detailing the current status of this project.

Anzac Parade Walking and Cycling Paths

The request for Quotation (RFQ) for a lead design consultant, to deliver the concept and detail design for 'Anzac Parade Bikeway – Mid A' (as identified in the Bicycle Construction Priority Routes) has now closed. Council officers are currently reviewing the submissions from the participating consultants to provide recommendations. We intend to complete the procurement and engage a lead consultant for the project by June 2022.

Councillor Veitch requested further clarification on the extent of the Anzac Parade Cycleway project. Mr Lehmann advised the project will be completed in stages with the first phase being from Stuart St to Fitzgerald Ave. Following the completion of stage one the design and implementation of the cycleway will continue until La Perouse.

South Coogee to Kingsford walking and cycling streetscape (Bundock Street)

Council has submitted a grant application for South Coogee to Kingsford Cycleway Project (as highlighted in section 5.3). The grant application seeks for one or both of the following:

1. Funding to complete detail design.
2. Funding for full construction of the project.

The detail design currently 70% complete.

BIKEast has also requested an update regarding the parking controls being implemented on Bundock Street and the pedestrian protection and its impact on the Bundock Street Cycleway project. Council Manager Tony Lehmann will provide an update at the meeting on the matter.

Mr Lehmann updated the committee on the parking signage changes that have occurred within Bundock Street – “No Parking Tuesdays, Motor Vehicles Excepted”. This will result in the relocation of the existing parked trailers within the street.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.2. Kingsford to Centennial Park Cycleway

(Doncaster Avenue, Houston Road, General Bridges Circuit, Sturt Street permanent cycleway)

Council officers are working with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) through the early construction phase of the project. TfNSW, the project delivery agency, has awarded the contract to a tier one construction company. Advanced services investigation and early construction work has commenced.

The TfNSW project manager, Ms Angela Greenlees, has agreed to provide the CABFAC with a briefing and update on the current progress of the project.

Ms Greenlees provided a verbal update and answered questions put to her. Some of the items discussed included:

- *Works up to Ascot Street and Doncaster Ave will soon be complete and the construction is working toward Allison Road.*
- *Section 1 of construction identified above is due to be completed toward the end of this year to early next year.*
- *Tree removal works will occur soon due to conflicts with proposed infrastructure. The tree removals will be replaced with new mature trees with direction and advice from Council Officers.*

Councillor Veitch have requested for further information from TfNSW on the processes in place to respond to community complaints. Ms Greenlees informed the committee of a few noise related complaints which were raised at the initial stages of construction. Letterbox drop has been done to the local residents impacted. A copy of all letters has been sent to the Council. Councillor Veitch have requested a copy of the letters to be forward by Council Officers.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.3. TfNSW Walking and Cycling Program

BIKEast has requested an update on the submitted grant applications. Grant application submissions have been made in February for various Active Transport projects listed below. Council Officers have contacted TfNSW on the update to the grant program and have been informed that the announcements are imminent.

- Preparation of an Active Transport Plan / Strategy
- Anzac Parade – Mid A – (Fitzgerald Avenue to Sturt Street) – Detailed / Construction Design
- Todman Avenue – Implementation
- Bundock Street and Sturt Street – Design finalisation
- Fitzgerald Avenue - Hillsdale to Maroubra Beach – Construction
- Randwick to Coogee – Design

Council officers will keep the CABFAC informed of the progress / outcomes of these submissions.

Council Officer have provided an update on the status of the submissions by the Council to the TfNSW lead Walking and Cycling Grant.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.4. Darley Road / Govett Street – Pedestrian Refuge

Council Officers are currently finalising concept design options for an improved pedestrian / bike rider refuge and for other changes to the intersection. Once finalised, the Council will consult with local residents, Centennial Parklands and BIKEast. The Council intends to deliver the project in the first quarter of next financial year.

Mr Lehmann have updated the Committee on the “Left turn in only to Centennial Park” concept plan. Council Officers will reach out to Centennial Park representatives to discuss the proposed changes followed by community consultation and detail plan. Council will inform the committee on updates to the project.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.5. Bike Bypass Links of the High Street LR Terminus

Council has been consistent in its response to development applications / documentation for the Randwick Hospitals' Campus by recommending the installation of a shared path on the southern side of High Street between Botany Street and Randwick Junction. Following Council's submission and detailed recommendations on widening the footpath provision of a shared way on High Street, the Department's assessment concluded that the existing

footpath is adequate for pedestrians and land dedication and amendments to enable the provision of a wider path or shared way cannot reasonably be required in this case.

However, conditions are recommended to ensure further improvements to connections through the hospital campus are given consideration by the applicant (NSW Health) in conjunction with Council. An Integrated Transport Working Group is to be established between NSW Health and Council to ensure the adequate transport planning for the overall masterplan of the Prince of Wales Hospitals' Campus, and in particular, integration of east-west and north-south bicycle and pedestrian routes.

Subsequently, Council Officers have corresponded with NSW health to set up an initial Integrated Transport Working Group meeting to discuss bicycle and pedestrian options within the site. Council officers will update CABFAC following the meeting on the key action items discussed.

BIKEast have expressed the importance of establishing the North/South and East/West as a key outcome for the proposed masterplan of Prince of Wales Hospital Campus. Council Officers will follow up with NSW Health to set up an initial Integrated Transport Working Group meeting to discuss outcomes for bicycle and pedestrian connectivity within the site and surrounding context.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

5.6. Maroubra Road Corridor Study

Maroubra Road Corridor Study Stage 3 is currently underway. This stage will finalise the preferred design option as a concept plan with the final report and undertake further community consultation. Subsequently, the final report and design will be reported to the Council, together with cost estimates for the preferred design option.

Mr Lehmann advised that project is investigating provisions for active transport within the road on kerb side. Mr Lehmann highlighted the spatial challenges of including a cycleway west of the corridor (from Anzac Parade) which will require further investigation. The east of the corridor (from Anzac Parade junction) has more favourable conditions for a separated cycleway which is being further explored by the engaged consultant.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.7. Active Transport Plan / Bicycle Route Construction Priority

As an outcome of the Randwick City Council Integrated Transport Strategy (adopted 2021), Council has committed to deliver the Active Transport Plan by year 2023. The project is expected to commence in the second half 2022.

The validation of bicycle route construction priority list and associated consultation will be incorporated within the 'Active Transport Plan'. The study will undertake a detailed data assessment including existing cycle networks, gaps, trends and demands to assist in the formulation of the Active Transport Strategy. The strategy will validate existing and / or proposed new bicycle routes to develop a clear action plan over the next 10 years.

Council officers are currently undertaking internal workshops to formulate scope and program to deliver the Active Transport Plan.

As outlined in section 5.3, Council has submitted a Grant Application for the Active Transport Plan and still awaiting results (due for announcement May 2022).

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.8. Alison Road/ Wansey Road bike path – Landscape maintenance

At the last meeting it was reported that there were issues with the existing trees, vegetation and plantings along Alison Road and Wansey Road becoming overgrown, severely narrowing the paths. BIKEast sought clarity from RCC if further maintenance works will be undertaken to maintain width of these paths.

Following the concerns raised, the Council's maintenance team trimmed the vegetation off the path in April. Furthermore, a contractor is engaged to remove the inappropriate large shrubs (as installed by ACCIONA as part of the light rail project) that are planted in the garden median between the footpath and the road. Following the removal of these shrubs, Council will consider replanting with a more appropriate species.

BIKEast has requested for further maintenance of the tree and shrub overgrowth on the cycleway next to the light rail line along Alison Road and (especially) leaf litter on the path on Wansey Road. Council will work with the maintenance team to undertake further maintenance works as specified. Council will undertake re-planting works along the path.

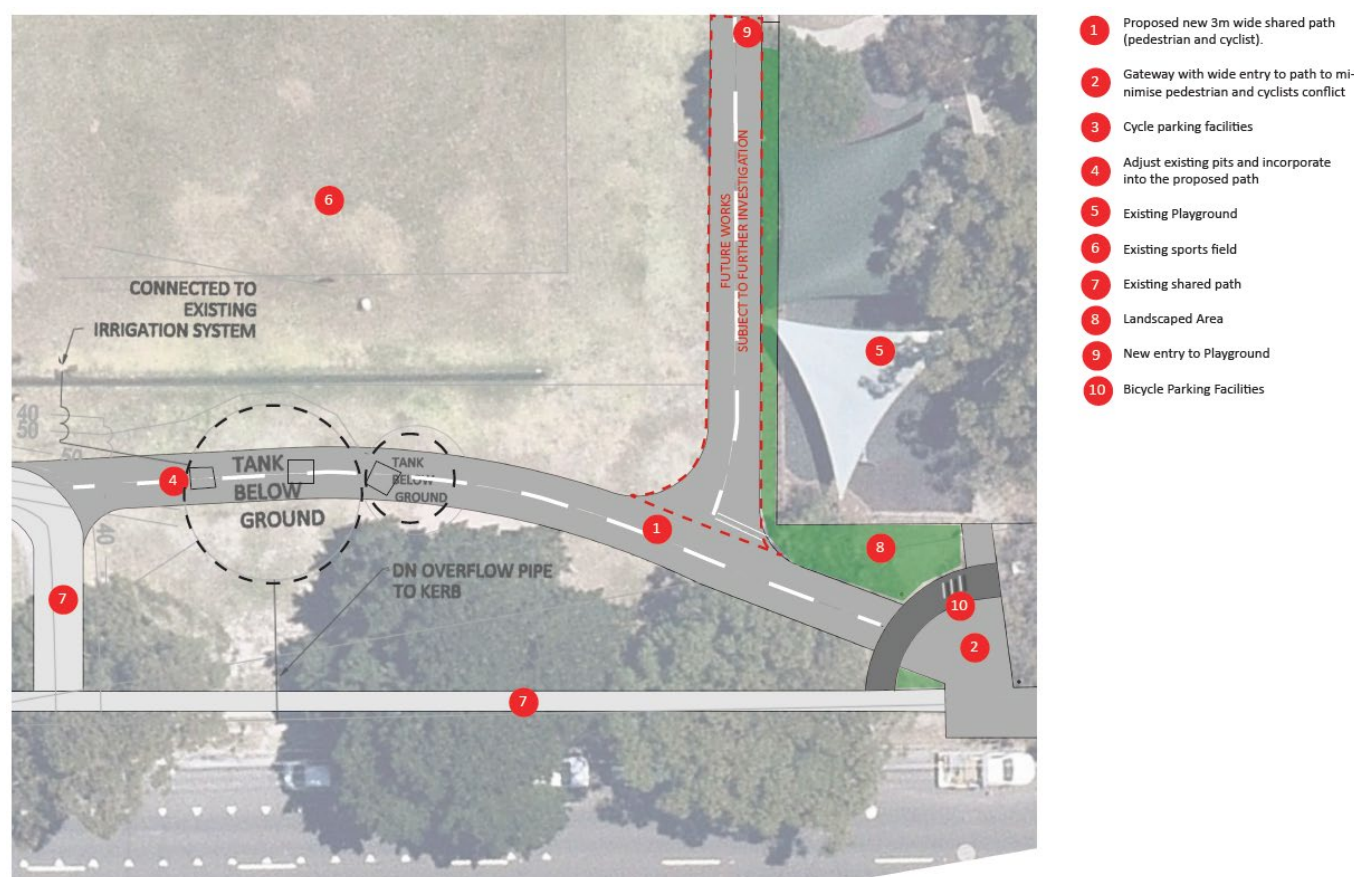
The removal of the taller shrubs is to be undertaken by a private contractor and is currently at the tender phase. Works will be completed once a contractor has been awarded the works. The leaf litter issue will inherently be resolved once these shrubs have been removed.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.9. Paine Reserve shared paths

With regard to the proposed shared path in Paine Reserve, the preferred alignment for the shared path has been developed and handed over to Council's project design team for detailed design and construction. A particular focus of this project is ensuring the constructability of the proposed path alignment over existing services, tree roots and having regard to the load bearing capacity of two underground water recycling tanks. Council Officers are currently finalising the civil design drawings. Construction contractors are likely to be engaged early June.



CONCEPT SKETCH

PAINE RESERVE
DETAIL PLAN - 1:200



Council Officers informed the committee that the Construction drawing set is currently being finalised. A tree on the west corner of the site have been identified for removal due to damages caused by recent weather event. There are several constraints within the site due to existing services and underground recycling tanks which is being resolved by the Council. The construction for the path is to occur by mid-June 2022.

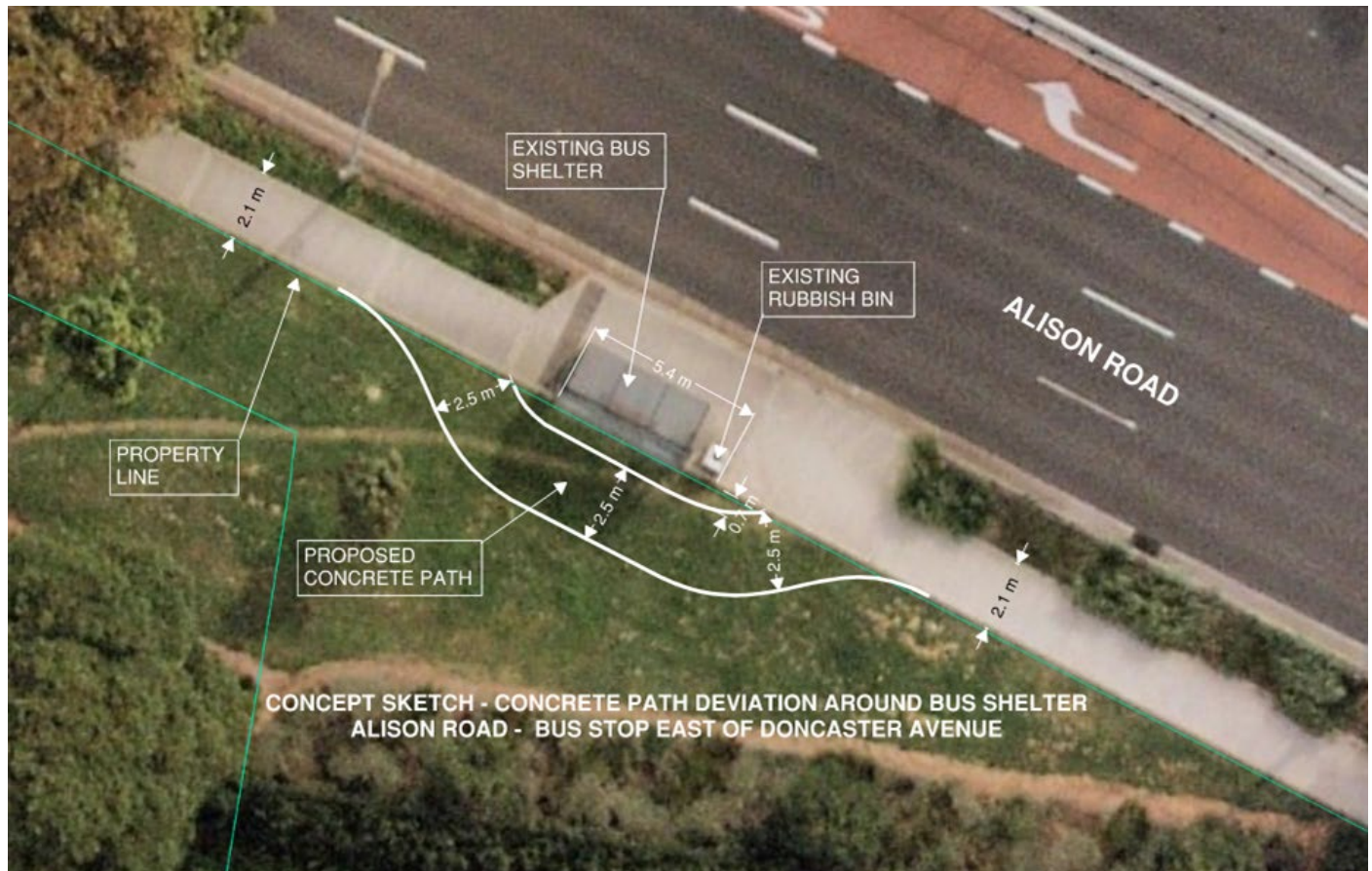
Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.10. Alison Road (between Darley Road and Doncaster Avenue)

It is understood that the land behind the localised pinch point at the bus shelter is Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) land and a long term lease has been granted to Transport for NSW. The concept design shown below requires encroachment into the lands to the south. Further investigation of the process of seeking permission to install a shared path around the existing bus shelter will be required. The Council is currently seeking to confirm the landowners to seek the permission for the proposed encroachment.

Council Officers have since observed that the existing concrete path widths vary between 1.7m near Doncaster Avenue and 2.5m near the Light Rail depot access, with majority of the footpath being 2.1m wide. There may be additional work required to upgrade the footpath to align with TfNSW and Austroads Standards for a shared path width which is 2.5m. Further information will be provided by Council Officers based on outcomes from the meeting with landowners.



Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.11. Malabar Road / Edgecliffe Avenue intersection – Cycle improvements

Councillor Olive and local residents have raised concerns over vehicle-cyclist conflicts within the Malabar Road and Edgecliffe Avenue intersection. Motorists making right turns from Edgecliffe Avenue onto Malabar Road during morning peak cannot properly see cyclists and oncoming traffic. This is due to the sightlines being visually impeded by cars parked on the southbound side of Malabar Road, as you look north. It causes the residents of Seaside Parade, lower Liguria Street and Edgecliffe Avenue to push their vehicles onto the green cycle lane to get a better view of oncoming traffic.

Councillor Olive have raised concerns over sightlines leading to vehicle/ cycle conflict within the Malabar Road and Edgecliffe Avenue intersection. Various options were discussed to mitigate the issue including omission of a parking spot, stop sign at Edgecliffe Ave and realignment of the painted cycleway. Mr Lehmann agreed the realignment of the painting cycleway option will be further investigated by Council

Officers to allow for more space of stopped vehicles along Edgecliffe Avenue, allowing for better sightlines. A concept plan will be prepared and presented in the August CABFAC meeting.

Recommendation:

That the information be received, and the matter be discussed at the meeting.

5.12. Clovelly Road / Centennial Avenue – Pedestrian refuge

A local resident has raised concerns that the recently installed pedestrian refuge makes no accommodation for west bound turn from Clovelly Road into Centennial Avenue. He notes that Centennial Avenue is a valuable shortcut, avoiding the need to negotiate busy traffic light intersections further on including Avoca and Darley Road.

Following receipt of these concerns it was noted that westbound bike riders can either cross using the refuge, or pass the refuge, pull out into the space beyond the refuge and wait in the middle of the road for a gap in the opposing traffic, to then turn right. Whilst waiting in that space, they are protected from behind from traffic from the rear.

Discussion took place over enhancing safety for cyclists right turning cyclists for westbound cyclists along Clovelly Rd. Subsequently, it was agreed by the committee that the newly built pedestrian refuge sufficiently protects right turning cyclists as into Centennial Avenue. This is due to the pedestrian refuge acting as a physical barrier for east and west bound traffic.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.13. Bicycle related events

A resident has requested that Council consider promotion of active transport by hosting an annual 2-hour festive ride though closed off roadways in Randwick; with co-operation from BIKEast and sport cycling communities.

There are no current events similar to this, however, the Council does support guided bike rides (undertaken by BIKEast) in association with our annual Eco Living Fair.

It should be noted that the traffic control required for the closure of many streets for a 2 hour period will be at significant cost (some tens of thousands of dollars).

It is considered this matter should be discussed at the CABFAC meeting.

Mr Lehmann is in favour of the concept although the event will require logistical resources and significant funding for traffic management to close down roads for an event. He also stated events of this nature often raised concerns from the local residents who will be impacted by noise and lack of access to their property. BIKEast have noted BIKEast is frequently involved in guided cycle commutes for commuters over 18.

Recommendation:

That the information be received and the matter be discussed at the meeting.

5.14. Update Re funding available in Reserves

The Council has available just over \$1M in Reserves, which through the budget review process, can be allocated to cycling projects and as they are developed.

Mr Lehmann updated the Committee on the available funding.

Recommendation:

That the information be received.

5.15. Proposed committee dates 2022/23

The following dates have been confirmed for committee meetings in the next 12 months:

- Wednesday 17 August at 6:30pm
- Wednesday 16 November 7:30am
- Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 6.30pm

- Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7:30am.

BIKEast has requested that we revisit the 7:30am start for the CABFAC meeting. Council to undertake a survey of the CABFAC committee regular members regarding the preferred time moving forward. Mr Lehmann confirmed the meeting will still be held via Microsoft Teams.

Recommendation:

That the schedule shown for future CABFAC meetings is noted and endorsed.

6. Urgent matters or matters for future investigation