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Galway City Council

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DO: GACH BALL DE CHOMHAIRLE CATHRACH NA GAILLIMHE

> ### Re: Item on the Agenda for the City Council meeting to be held on Monday 9th July 2012
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> ### Draft Galway City and Environs Walking & Cycling Strategy

Aided by funding from the Department of Transport, in 2010, Galway City and County Councils jointly commissioned AECOM and Mitchell and Associates to prepare a Walking and Cycling Strategy for Galway City and its Environs. The Study Area covers Galway City and its environs including Bearna, Maigh Cuillinn, Bhaile Chláir and Óran Mór.

The Draft Strategy has been developed utilising a robust approach, having consulted widely and reviewed best practice.

It has also been the subject of extensive deliberation at the Transportation & Infrastructure SPC, where it was decided to recommend the adoption of the Strategy subject to some final points of clarification to be resolved with the Galway Cycling Campaign. These points have largely been resolved and the outcome included in the text. The Draft Strategy outlines a comprehensive package of policies and actions to make cycling more attractive, easier and safer for all.

The Draft Strategy was developed in tandem with the Smarter Travel bid and is fully consistent with the proposals contained in the bid. However, there is one element of the Draft Strategy as approved by the SPC that, following further clarification and analysis, requires to be amended. In this regard, I am referring to the last paragraph of 1.4 on Page 4. Should this provision be retained in the policy, it could compromise the Council's ability to develop shared surfaces such as the Dangan Greenway.

In view of the above, I recommend that the Draft Policy be adopted subject to the removal of the paragraph referred to.

Signed: _Ciarán Hayes_

Ciarán Hayes,
Director of Services,
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Cuirfear fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge / Correspondence in the Irish Language is welcomed