

RESPONSE TO SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S PRUDENTIAL RIDELONDON-SURREY CONSULTATION

Executive Summary

Surrey County Council is undertaking public consultation in respect of the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey events. A copy of the survey questionnaire is attached as an Appendix to this report.

The questionnaire is targeted at individuals, not organisations. However given the importance of the event in the Celebrate Woking calendar, and as a notable legacy of the 2012 Olympics, the Executive is requested to consider making representations to the County Council about the importance of the event.

It is acknowledged that some residents may find it inconvenient during the periods when roads are closed for the event. The closures are however kept to a minimum and extensive arrangements are made to ensure access for emergency vehicles if required.

The benefit of the event is however considered significant as it creates:

- an opportunity for free public attendance at a major sporting activity, which includes participation by a wider range of cyclists both professional and amateur;
- positive promotion of cycling in line with the Council's Woking 2025 Strategy (Climate Change) ambitions for more cycling both for reduction in traffic and improvement of health; and
- generation of funds to support local charitable activities.

The Executive is therefore requested to resolve that the Council fully supports the continuation of the RideLondon-Surrey events and to authorise the Leader of the Council to write to Surrey County Council to that effect.

Recommendations

The Executive is requested to:

RESOLVE That

- (i) the Council fully supports the continuation of the RideLondon-Surrey events; and
- (ii) the Leader of the Council be authorised to write to Surrey County Council to that effect.

Reasons for Decision

Reason: To enable Surrey County Council to take the view of the Borough Council into account when reaching its decision on the future of RideLondon-Surrey.

The Executive has the authority to determine the recommendation(s) set out above.

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Background Papers: None.

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