

## **SCRUTINY TOPIC REGISTRATION**

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Suggested title of topic:	Cycling and Walking in Cheltenham
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- How can Cheltenham improve the health of residents and environment by fostering a culture of active travel?
- Is the county council spending its cycling budget and, its general transport budget, in the most effective way?

## What do you feel could be achieved by a scrutiny review (outcomes)

- Identifying opportunities within Cheltenham for active travel.
- More effective spending of the transport and public health budgets at both county and borough level.
- Greater awareness of the benefits of active travel among key council decision members and the public.
- Influencing the way in which the county spends its cycling budgets within Cheltenham.

If there a strict time constraint?	No
Is the topic important to the people of	Yes.
Cheltenham?	
Does the topic involve a poorly	Yes: People are dissatisfied with peak time
performing service or high public	traffic jams; air quality is poor due to the
dissatisfaction with a service?	volume of motor traffic.
Is it related to the Council's corporate	Yes: Healthy lifestyles; reducing carbon
objectives?	emissions; sense of community.

Any other comments: I feel the town is of the ideal size for fostering a cycling and walking culture. However, we are starting from a very low base and our scrutiny can help inform the county's future plans and influence how their transport budgets are spent within Cheltenham. Local authorities of all levels need to take cycling seriously if they are to meet the challenge of improving air quality and the health of residents.

## **OFFICER IMPLICATIONS (for office use only)**

Date:		
Officer name:		
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Please give your comments on this proposed topics, for example is there any other		
similar review planned or in progress, are there any potential resources constraints		
etc		