

**HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Question to Executive Councillor**

**Economy and Growth Select Committee**

**7 October 2020**

**1. Question to the Deputy Leader and Executive Councillor for Regeneration, Tourism and Leisure received from Councillor Kemp:**

*“Buxton Town Team is supporting an initiative – the Safer Walk and Ride Initiative - to develop a network of safe routes for walkers, cyclists and in some cases, horse riders, as much as possible of it traffic-free.*

*In advance of seeking government funding for the initiative as a whole, the Town Team is proposing the ‘Big Buxton Experiment’ by the early identification and implementation of five walking and cycling routes. HPBC was advised of this aspiration this August. The Town Team hopes that this early short term development will strengthen its case for available government funding. The Borough Council is involved both as a local authority and as a landowner. Most local councillors are likely to be supportive of the proposals in principle but there will be important issues of detail to be resolved, as has already become clear.*

*The County Council is a key consultee in view of its responsibilities for highways and footpaths.*

*From the published agenda for this meeting it is evident that Economy and Growth Committee is not to be briefed at this meeting on the proposals and the timetable and arrangements for dealing with them – despite the clear aspiration of the Town Team for this initiative to be implemented at an early date.*

*Please will the Executive Councillor set out what arrangements are in hand to progress the initiative and, in particular, give details of how the local knowledge and experience of the appropriate ward members will be involved in the Council’s investigation and evaluation of the proposals.”*

**Response:**

An oral response will be provided at the meeting.