

**Report of: West North West Area Leader**

**Report to: The Outer North West Community Committee**

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**For decision**

## **Wharfedale Greenway**

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### **Purpose of report**

1. The attached report of the Wharfedale Greenway Steering Group, seeks the support of the Outer North West Community Committee for the principle of a Wharfedale Greenway to run between Pool-in-Wharfedale, Otley, Menston and Burley-in-Wharfedale.

### **Main issues**

2. In 2010 the Wharfedale Greenway Feasibility Study was prepared by Sustrans for Otley Town Council. The study highlighted an opportunity to create a series of greenways along extant sections of the former Arthington to Burley-in-Wharfedale railway and to provide primary walk and cycle routes to Menston and Burley railway stations.
3. In 2013 the Wharfedale Greenway Steering Group was formed. The steering group decided to follow the recommendations of the 2010 report and put forward the old railway corridor, to be named the Wharfedale Greenway, as the proposed route. Key actions for the steering group include securing support for the project from both Leeds City Council and Bradford Metropolitan District Council through written 'in-principle' agreement.

### **Recommendations**

4. The Outer North West Community Committee is asked to support in principle the proposal for a Wharfedale Greenway.