

**Meeting: Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee**

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**Wards affected: All**

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide Culture and Leisure Sub-Committee, with an update on the Tour of Britain 2019 (ToB) cycle event and preparations for activities in North Tyneside. The presentation will give an overview of the event with an assessment of the likely impact upon and benefits for North Tyneside.

## **2. Recommendations**

The Sub-Committee is invited to note the information in the report and outlined in the presentation.

## **3. Details**

### **3.1 Background**

The ToB is the UK's largest professional cycle race, televised in 166 countries and broadcast live on the ITV network. The tour takes place between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019, a total of eight stages over eight days. The race consists of 120 cyclists and an entourage of 120 vehicles.

On Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, Stage 3 of the tour is to be hosted by the North of Tyne Combined Authority (NoTCA), starting in Berwick, coming through North Tyneside, before finishing in Newcastle City Centre.

### **3.2 Delivery of the project**

A Multi Agency Steering Group, under the auspices of Culture Creative, who have organised ToB events in 2015 and 2017, is meeting every two weeks and involves representatives from Northumberland, North Tyneside and Newcastle local authorities, as well as the emergency services and transport providers.

Governance arrangements are in place to cover Operations and Traffic Management, Race Management, Community Engagement, Health and Wellbeing Legacy and

Marketing and Communications. A Joint Authority Safety Advisory Group has been established. A North Tyneside Steering Group, chaired through Cultural Services, has been established to co-ordinate activities in the borough.

A pack has been delivered to schools across all three Council areas to encourage engagement and ensure massive public participation when the race passes through local communities. In total 38 schools from North Tyneside, from over 120 responses across the NoTCA area, have expressed an interest in being involved. Schools will be provided with safe standing places to view the race; a full race timetable; and guaranteed parking for schools requiring minibus or coach parking to participate.

There is also an opportunity for schools to engage in a day with the Tour of Britain, an activity day on the route at a location away from school. In North Tyneside activities which are part of the Summer of Cycling will also promote the Tour of Britain 2019.

Following its success in 2018 the Tour organisers are holding a Land Art competition, which will cover the whole route from Glasgow to Manchester, to find the best piece of land art. Community groups, schools, businesses and land owners across the route will be encouraged to take part.

### **3.3 Timetable**

The race is scheduled to leave Berwick at 11:00 and come into Whitley Bay from Seaton Sluice at 15:05. It will proceed southwards along the coast to arrive in Tynemouth at 15:09, taking the second exit off the roundabout before Grand Parade. Proceeding up Percy Park Road and onto the A193, Tynemouth Road, the race is scheduled to be in North Shields at 15:12, leaving the A193 at Tanner's Bank to proceed westward along the Fish Quay.

Passing the Ferry Landing, the race proceeds into the new Smith's Dock development, turning right at Dock Road, towards the Parks Sports Centre. Turning left at the roundabout A187, Howdon Road, the race continues long the A187, past Percy Main Primary School at 15:16, then turning right at the roundabout towards the Tyne Tunnel Trading Estate.

The race rejoins the A193, taking a left at the Wallsend Road roundabout, proceeding westwards along Tynemouth Road, into Howdon. The race proceeds along the A193 to Rosehill, Church Bank and onwards to High St East in Wallsend at 15:23.

At the junction of High St East and Station Road the race turns left and proceeds towards Buddle St. Turning right at the junction onto A187, Buddle St, the race will pass Segedunum, proceeding westward to exit North Tyneside arriving in Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne at 15:26 approximately, with an estimated finish time in Grey St, Newcastle City Centre, of 15:35.

**All timings are necessarily estimates and may vary according to the conditions on the day.** Assuming the above timetable for planning purposes, rolling road closures will precede the race in North Tyneside from 14:40 until 15:50.

All Council services, schools and local businesses have been asked to take these timings into account when planning their usual activities for the day of the race.

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