

# Transport and Environment Committee

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## Cycling – Invitation for visit to the Netherlands

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# Executive summary

## Cycling – Invitation for visit to the Netherlands

### Summary

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Following the successful series of 'Love Cycling, Go Dutch' conferences in the autumn of 2012 the Dutch Embassy in London (in collaboration with Agency NL) is organising a visit on Cycling to the Netherlands in June for 12 'British influentials'. The NL Agency is the Dutch governmental organisation that implements policy in relation to sustainability, innovation and international business. The trip offers the opportunity to learn from good practice relating to; cycling policy, integrating modes of travel and achieving value for money. In addition the visit will help raise the profile of Edinburgh's leading position in terms of cycling spend and our ambitious targets for increasing cycling rates.

### Recommendations

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To approve a visit to the Netherlands by the Vice Convenor of Transport.

### Measures of success

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A greater understanding of cycling issues in relation to; finance, how changes were achieved, the challenges, and integrated design for all modes of transport.

### Financial impact

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The entire trip will be at the expense of AgencyNL and only the travel costs to and from the Netherlands would be required. Travel costs are within budget and will be minimised and met by Services for Communities.

### Equalities impact

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Not applicable

### Sustainability impact

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Arrangements will be made in accordance with the Council's Sustainable Travel Plan.

### Consultation and engagement

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Not applicable

### Background reading / external references

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None