

## **STATEMENT PS 36**

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### **Title: Bristol Walking Alliance: 50 Ways to Better Walking**

We have chosen this Full Council meeting, during COP26, to launch the Bristol Walking Alliance booklet '50 Ways to Better Walking'.

Walking has a very low carbon footprint – the activity of walking is zero-emission, and the carbon footprint of improving the environment for walking is less than for other transport modes. '50 Ways' reminds policy makers that encouraging walking is an important way to reduce our carbon footprint and help address the climate emergency.

Although the pedestrian environment is used by all of us, it can become the 'Cinderella' in terms of the attention paid to it because it is taken for granted. BWA is asking both Bristol City Council and the West of England Combined Authority to allocate a specific budget for improving the environment for walking, and to commit to measuring and increasing walking levels.

Our 50 Ways booklet lists fifty practical measures to improve the pedestrian environment.

It fits with existing Council initiatives in the following ways:

- the last Walking Strategy was in 2011, so '50 Ways' fills a gap
- '50 Ways' is structured around the 10 Walking Actions in the 2019 Bristol Transport Strategy
- '50 Ways' includes measures to improve the pedestrian environment for implementation by policy makers, planners, businesses, communities, and individuals - which fits well with the One City approach
- '50 Ways' includes transport schemes that help to improve the environment for walking, such as Liveable Neighbourhoods, School Streets, and pedestrianisation schemes. But it is not only transport schemes that affect the environment for walking - for instance, bins on pavements. What we are saying via this document is that the Council could reappraise how much more it could do by involving all the Council teams that have an impact on the environment for walking, to think about it more holistically.

50 Ways is our offer to the Council, and we hope to work with the Council taking the ideas forward.

We have delivered a copy of '50 Ways' to each councillor.