

BEAT Route Partnership Terms of Reference -

1. Name

The group shall be known as the:

BEAT Route Partnership

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Partnership is to support and promote the development of a safe, accessible and largely traffic-free active travel route linking communities across the BEAT corridor.

The Partnership will encourage walking, wheeling and cycling while supporting healthier communities, sustainable transport, tourism, local economic growth and environmental improvement.

3. Objectives

The Partnership will:

- Promote the vision and benefits of the BEAT Route
 - Encourage partnership working between organisations and communities
 - Support development and delivery of route sections and projects
 - Seek funding and investment opportunities
 - Promote accessibility, inclusion and sustainability
 - Engage local communities and stakeholders
 - Support tourism, recreation and healthier lifestyles
 - Encourage links with rail, bus and wider transport networks
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4. Membership

Membership is open to organisations, groups and individuals who support the aims of the Partnership, including:

- Local authorities
 - Community organisations
 - Town and parish councils
 - Tourism and business representatives
 - Active travel and environmental groups
 - Transport organisations
 - Interested residents and stakeholders
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5. Meetings

- Meetings will normally take place quarterly.
 - Meetings may be held in person or online.
 - Agendas and notes will be shared with members.
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6. Chair

- The Partnership will appoint a Chair.
 - A Vice Chair may also be appointed if required.
 - The Chair will coordinate meetings and represent the Partnership where appropriate.
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7. Decision Making

The Partnership will aim to work by agreement and consensus.

Where required, decisions will be made by a simple majority of members present.

8. Working Groups

The Partnership may establish smaller working groups to progress specific projects or themes.

These groups will report back to the Partnership.

9. Conduct

Members are expected to:

- Work collaboratively and respectfully
 - Support the aims of the Partnership
 - Share information openly where appropriate
 - Declare any conflicts of interest
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10. Funding

The Partnership may support or pursue funding opportunities aligned with its objectives.

Where funding is secured, an agreed organisation may act as the accountable body.

11. Review

These Terms of Reference may be reviewed and updated by agreement of the Partnership.

12. Adoption

Adopted by the BEAT Route Partnership Steering Committee on:

Date: 19 June 2026